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As seen in the movies senior **Danny Munoz** is portrayed in a box. Cameras were shining on him during spirit week because of his school spirit and willingness to participate in tacky day. Danny's outfit included an American flag, gloves and a skirt.



In Focus

Are you in focus? Is a common statement from

Shhhhhh

teachers to the returning school year. Teachers hope

Quiet

to get students focused for the production of the

on

school year. Realizing that the students are the ac-

the

tors to this set as they strut and fret upon the stage.

set,

For seniors this is the finale and for freshmen this is

camera's

the pilot, and both are waiting for the curtain call.

rolling

It's a wrap.

Behind the scenes senior Marja Wilson focuses her camera to capture a moment at the Homecoming Dance. The spotlight was on her friends as they said "cheese".



Seniors! Seniors! Seniors! Was the chant heard from the stands at the soccer game. The students participated in this event because the powder puff game was canceled due to rain. The seniors were undefeated.

Returning to the school year students knew that this would indeed be a star studded year. These stars decorated the lockers of the runway senior court members.



The beat goes on as students get jiggy with it at the Homecoming dance. Alumni Angel Rosado DJ that night, and was the reason students got their groove on in the spotlight.



What better describes fall then football. Football spirit week is popular around the hallways of River Forest. This year the seniors performed *Thriller* from Michael Jackson. The seniors practiced for weeks just like real superstars would. The out come turned out like a real Hollywood production.

Tooting his trumpet sophomore **Andy Knies** practices his music for the Football Homecoming game. This was Andy's second year in band. In the fall most students look forward to the marching season and half time shows.

After the tragic events on September 11, 2001 the administration held a flag pole ceremony to help the students and faculty cope with their feelings. First year teacher Mrs. April Uncapher expresses her sorrow to these tragic events. Later when asked Mrs. Uncapher said "I believe the ceremony helped the student come to terms with these events."

Roll the Cameras

Teenagers today unlike the ones in movies are the real stars of school. Here at River Forest most teenagers juggle after school jobs, families, and succeeding to still rank high in their classes. All in a days work of River Forest's celebrities.

In the fall students have the opportunity to walk down these hallways as if it was the red carpet runway. They also hold the power of director and what direction they will take in the fall. Look in closer as the camera rolls to see who the next up and coming stars will be.



Shooting Seniors



Heather Aguilera



Leslie Blankinship

"Life is not measured by how many breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away"



J.R. Barabito



Aurora Farfallo



Osvaldo Chavez



Leann Cullivan



Jenna Christian



Jessica Conley



Amanda Criston



Melissa Cunn



Chris Davis



Cynthia DeGroot



Dan Farthing



Stephen Feyer



Myrian Fontanez



Alisba Gallardo



Hope Green



Eli Gregory



Sierra Gunn

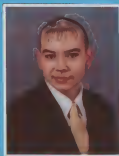
Class of 2002



Elizabeth Hall



Brian Henderson



Robb Henderson



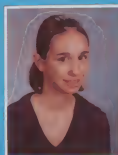
Melissa Henson



Melissa Hinkle



Ricky Huzman



Toni Keenedy



Roger Knapp



Kara Komenich



Michaela Klevins



Theresa Larson



Jennifer Lemmon



Keith Lindahl



Jenny Lopez



Matt Lopez

"Here's to the night"

Eve 6

SO DENIED SO I LIED ARE YOU THE NOW
OR NEVER KIND? IN A DAY AND A DAY
LOVE I'M GOING TO BE GONE FOR GOOD
AGAIN ARE YOU WILLING TO BE HAD?
ARE YOU COOL WITH JUST TONIGHT?

HERE'S A TOAST TO ALL THOSE WHO
HEAR ME ALL TO WELL. HERE'S TO THE
NIGHTS WE FELT ALIVE. HERE'S TO THE
TEARS YOU KNEW YOU'D CRY. HERE'S TO
GOODBYE TOMORROW'S GONNA COME TO
SOON.

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LINE ALONG
WITH PLACE AND TIME WANT TO STAY,
NOT TO GO, I WANT TO DITCH THE LOGI-
CAL.

HERE'S A TOAST TO ALL THOSE WHO
HEAR ME ALL TO WELL. HERE'S TO THE
NIGHTS WE FELT ALIVE. HERE'S TO THE
TEARS YOU KNEW YOU'D CRY. HERE'S TO
GOODBYE TOMORROW'S GONNA COME TO
SOON.

ALL MY TIME IS FROZEN IN MOTION
CAN'T I STAY AN HOUR OR TWO OR MORE
DON'T LET ME LET YOU GO DON'T LET
ME LET YOU GO

HERE'S A TOAST TO ALL THOSE WHO
HEAR ME ALL TO WELL. HERE'S TO THE
NIGHTS WE FELT ALIVE. HERE'S TO THE
TEARS YOU KNEW YOU'D CRY. HERE'S TO
GOODBYE, TOMORROW'S GONNA COME TO
SOON.

HERE'S TO THE NIGHT WE FELT ALIVE
HERE'S TO THE TEARS YOU KNEW YOU'D
CRY HERE'S TO GOODBYE TOMORROW'S
GONNA COME TO SOON!

Roll THE CREDS

A

HEATHER AGUILAR: CHOIR 1,2,3,4

B

LESUE BLANKENSHIP: SPANISH CLUB 1; VOLLEYBALL 1,3; TENNIS 1,2; HOMECOMING COURT 2,4; CLASS OFFICER 3,4; J.R. BUTCHKO: BASKETBALL 1; TENNIS 2,4; FOOTBALL 2; GOLF 2,3; NEWSPAPER 1,2; BUSINESS MANAGER: 3,4; WEB DESIGN 3,4

C

ANGELA CAVILLO: CHOIR 1,2,3,4
LEANN CICILLIANI: SPANISH CLUB 2,3; HONOR SOCIETY 2,3,4; STUDENT COUNCIL 1,2,3,4; SPELL BOWL 2,3; VOLLEYBALL 1,2,3,4; BASKETBALL 1,2; TENNIS 1,2,3,4; YEARBOOK 4; HOMECOMING COURT 1,2,3,4; CLASS OFFICER 1,2,3,4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 1,2,3,4; ACADEMIC DECATHLON 2,3
DONNA CLAXTON: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3,4
JESSICA COATES: BUSINESS MANAGER 4
AMANDA CROFTON: MARCHING BAND 4; CHOIR 3
MELISSA CRUM: AUXILIARY CORPS. 1,2,3; WEB DESIGN 3,4

D

CHRIS DAVIS: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3,4; JAZZ BAND 2,3,4; PEP BAND 1,2,3,4; BASKETBALL 1; TENNIS 2; BASEBALL 1,2; CROSS COUNTRY 1; WEB DESIGN 3,4
CYNTHIA DEBROOT: MARCHING BAND 1,2

F

DAN FARTHING: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3; JAZZ BAND 1,2,3; PEP BAND 1,2,3; BASKETBALL 1; FOOTBALL 1; GOLF 1,2; CROSS COUNTRY 2; BOWLING 3,4
MYRIAM FONTANEZ: CHOIR 2; SPANISH CLUB 1,4; STUDENT COUNCIL 1; BESO 1

G

ALISHA GALLARDO: SPANISH CLUB 2,3; SPELL BOWL 4; SUPER BOWL 4; ACADEMIC DECATHLON 4; BUSINESS MANAGER 4
HOPE GREEN: DRAMA CLUB 1; BUSINESS MANAGER 4
ELI GREGORY: JAZZ BAND 1,2; BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 3; CROSS COUNTRY 4
STACEY GUMM: BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; FOOTBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 1,2,3 CLASS OFFICER 2,3
MIKE GUZMAN: MARCHING BAND 2; FOOTBALL 2,3,4; GOLF 4; BASEBALL 2; YEARBOOK 4; BOYS' STATE 3; WEB DESIGN 3,4

H

ELIZABETH HALL: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3; SPANISH CLUB 1,2; HONOR SOCIETY 2,3,4; STUDENT COUNCIL 4; VOLLEYBALL 1,2,3; BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; SOFTBALL 1,2; TRACK 1,2,3,4; CROSS COUNTRY 4; CLASS OFFICER 4
BRANT HEAVILIN: BASKETBALL 1,2,3; FOOTBALL 1,2,3,4; GOLF 1,2,3,4
RAY HERNANDEZ: SPELL BOWL 1
MELISSA HINKLE: CHOIR 1,2

K

TONI KENNEDY: HONOR SOCIETY 3,4; VOLLEYBALL 1,2,4; BASKETBALL 2,3; SOFTBALL 2,3,4; TRACK 1,2,3,4; CLASS OFFICER 4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 1,2,3,4; GIRLS' STATE 3; BOWLING 4
ALEXANDRA KISELINOVA: DRAMA CLUB 2; VOLLEYBALL 1; BASKETBALL 3; NEWSPAPER 3
ROGER KNOPP: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3,4; JAZZ BAND 1,2,3,4; PEP BAND 1,2,3,4; KARA KOPENICH: MARCHING BAND 1,2; SPANISH CLUB 1,2,3; HONOR SOCIETY 2,3,4; SUPER BOWL 2; VOLLEYBALL 2,3; SOFTBALL 1,2; TRACK 1,2,3,4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 1,2,3,4; BOWLING 2,3

L

THERESA LARSEN: CHOIR 1,2; SPELL BOWL 4; SUPER BOWL 3,4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 4; ACADEMIC DECATHLON 4
JESSICA LEMMON: CHEERLEADING 2,3; YEARBOOK 4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 4; BOWLING 4
KEITH LINDAHL: CHOIR 1; WRESTLING
JENNY LOPEZ: HONOR SOCIETY 3,4
MATT LOPEZ: FOOTBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 2; WRESTLING 2,3

M

CHRIS MELENDEZ: MARCHING BAND 1,2; PEP BAND 1,2
SAL MONTES: SPANISH CLUB 1,2,3; STUDENT COUNCIL 1,2,4; BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; FOOTBALL 1,2,3,4; GOLF 2,3,4; SILVIA MONTES: SPANISH CLUB 1,2,3; HONOR SOCIETY 3,4; VOLLEYBALL 1,2,3,4; BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 1; HOMECOMING COURT 1,2,3,4; BESO 1,2,3,4
DANNY MUNOZ: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3,4; JAZZ BAND 1,2,3,4; PEP BAND 1,2,3,4; SPANISH CLUB 4; HONOR SOCIETY 2,3,4; SPELL BOWL 1,2,3,4; SUPER BOWL 1,2,3,4; BASKETBALL 2; GOLF 1,2; TRACK 4; YEARBOOK 4; ACADEMIC DECATHLON 1,2,3,4; BASEBALL 4

N

MALORIE NEWCOMB: SOFTBALL 1,2,3,4;
NICOLE PARDO: WEB DESIGN 3

P

BETH PERSLEY: TENNIS 1,2,3; TRACK 4; CROSS COUNTRY 4; NEWSPAPER 4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 2,3
 RAFAEL PRICE: FRENCH CLUB 3; STUDENT COUNCIL 2; BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; FOOTBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 1,2,3,4; CLASS OFFICER 1,2; BOYS' STATE 3; MR. FOOTBALL 4

Q

NATALIE QUINLAN: MARCHING BAND 1,2; SPANISH CLUB 1,2,3; HONOR SOCIETY 2,3,4; STUDENT COUNCIL 3,4; VOLLEYBALL 1,2,3,4; BASKETBALL 2,3,4; SOFTBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 1,2,3,4; HOMECOMING COURT 4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 1,2,3,4

R

RICARDO RODRIGUEZ: SPANISH CLUB 1,2; FOOTBALL 2; BASEBALL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 1,2,3; WRESTLING 1,2; BESO 1,2,3
 HEATHER ROBYOM: SPANISH CLUB 1,2,3; STUDENT COUNCIL 3,4; VOLLEYBALL 1,2,3,4; TENNIS 1,2,3,4; YEARBOOK 4; HOMECOMING COURT 4; AUXILIARY CORPS. 1,2,3,4; BOWLING 3,4
 CHUCK ROTH: STUDENT COUNCIL 2,3; BASKETBALL 1,2,3,4; TENNIS 1,2; FOOTBALL 3,4; GOLF 1,2,3,4; CLASS OFFICER 1,2,3; BOYS' STATE 3

S

SARAH SAYLOR: MARCHING BAND 1,2; DEP BAND 1; SPELL BOWL 1,2,3,4; QUILL AND SCROLL 3,4; SUPER BOWL 1,2,3,4; TRACK 1; CHEERLEADING 1,2; YEARBOOK 1,2,3,4; ACADEMIC DECATHLON 1,2,3,4; HONOR SOCIETY 4
 LIZZ SCHILLKE: VOLLEYBALL 4
 DANNY STANLEY: FOOTBALL 4
 CARMELA STEPP: DRAMA CLUB 1
 EDDIE STODANCEVICH: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3,4; JAZZ BAND 1,2,3,4; DEP BAND 1,2,3; BASKETBALL 1; FOOTBALL 4; GOLF 1,2,3; BOWLING 2,3,4

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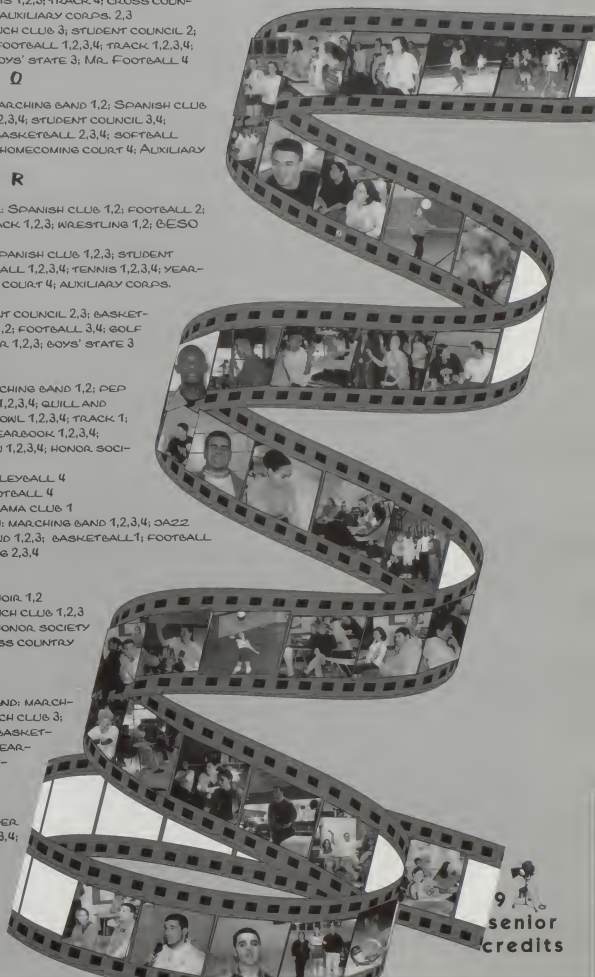
DESIREE TORRES: CHOIR 1,2
 JOEL TORRES: FRENCH CLUB 1,2,3
 VICTORIA TSCHOOP: HONOR SOCIETY 3,4; TRACK 1,2,3; CROSS COUNTRY 1,2,3,4

W

HOLLY WESTMORELAND: MARCHING BAND 1,2,3; FRENCH CLUB 3; STUDENT COUNCIL 2; BASKETBALL MANAGER 3,4; YEARBOOK 2,3,4; CLASS OFFICER 2; AUXILIARY CORPS. 4
 TAYLOR WILSON: FRENCH CLUB 3; SUPER BOWL 3,4; TENNIS 1,2,3,4; YEARBOOK 4

Y

BETTY YZAQUIRRE: CHOIR 1,3,4



Every cloud has a silver lining

*Class Flower:
Forget-me-not
Class colors:
Blue & Silver*

Seniors celebrate after their victory over the Juniors at the the soccer game during Homecoming week.



Seniors **Sal Montes** and **Josh Smith** demonstrate their crazy fashion sense.



Seniors work hard to complete their tombstone decorations for hall decorations, their theme was "Bury the Spartans."





*Chris Melendez
Salvador Montes
Silvia Montes
Daniel Muñoz
Stephanie Neely
Maurie Newcomb
Nicole Pardo*



*Jason Pavlik
Beth Persley
Rafael Price
Natalie Quinlan
Nathan Rivera
Ricardo Rodriguez
Heather Rogyon*



*Chuck Roth
Sarah Saylor
Elizabeth Schilke
Jay Smith
George Stanley
Carmela Stepp
Ed Stojanovic*



*Victoria Tschopp
Desiree Torres
Joel Torres
Jose Torres
Holly Westmoreland
Marja Wilson
Josh Smith*



*Danny Stanley
Taylor Wilson
Betty Yaguirre
Enrique Zepeda*

BLOCKBUSTER EVENTS



Monday September 17, 2001

Sophomores, **Danielle Walker**, **Lisa Wallace**, and **Paulina Ballesteros** roam the halls with their Wilson volleyball. Monday was pajama day and it also kicked off homecoming week.



Tuesday September 18, 2001

Freshmen gathered around for a picture. They give a quick sassy pose. Tuesday was color day each class was assigned a color Freshmen purple, Sophomores orange, Juniors pink, and Seniors blue.



Wednesday September 19 2001

Seniors, **Sarah Saylor**, **Theresa Larsen**, and **Taylor Wilson** pose for a quick pose in the hall. It was tacky day. Many students dressed in very unusual outfits.

The halls were judged, spirit points were added, and on Friday at the rally was when they announced the winning class "The Seniors". Students dressed in a variety of different and unusual clothes throughout the week just to get a few points for their class.

Even though some decorations fell, the students still worked together to support the football team for their homecoming. When the rally came there were class competitions and the spell bowl. The spellbowl is a tradition at River Forest. It gives good spllers a chance to be in the "Ingot Spotlight". The cheerleaders put on a performance to get the crowd ready for the game. The class skits and auxiliary dances were just some of the this year's entertainment.

Juniors, **Justin Carlson**, **John Clark**, and **Robert Ordway** proudly wear their color for the class. The juniors all made shirts that said "Got Pink?" for the homecoming event. Just like how hollywood superstars advertise "Got Milk".



Seniors take a victory picture after playing soccer. They placed first in this homecoming event. The soccer game was substituted for the powder puff game due to the rain earlier in the day.

Senior, **Theresa Larsen**, decorates the senior hallway. Their theme was "Bury the Spartans." The hallway was decorated with a coffin, a graveyard, and spiderwebs. The senior wall fell later that night. But they managed to get the hall decorated and win first in hall decorations.



Sophomores, **Eric Deemer** and **Chris Graun** carefully choose an answer for the spell bowl. They placed first in this competition but wasn't enough to defeat the seniors.



Thursday September 20, 2001

Junior, **Jackie Nord**, takes a patriotic picture. It was red, white, and blue day. Due to the tragic events on September 11, 2001, Principle, Mr. **Monte Moffet**, decided to have this day so students could demonstrate their pride to be an American.



Friday September 21, 2001

Seniors, **Kara Komenich**, **Leann Cicillian**, and **Heather Rogyom** show off their school spirit as they are getting the students ready for the pep session. The band played music such as the school song to show off school spirit.



Most Memorable Moment

Seniors take the floor as they perform their senior skit. They did an Ingots version of Michael Jackson's "Thriller". The Seniors theme was "Bury the Spartans". They placed first in class skits and over all winning first in the Spirit Competition.

Senior, **Silvia Montes**, is in the Homecoming spotlight. She was announced Queen at halftime.



Senior, **Rafael Price**, was named Mr. Football. His parents accepted the award by alumni 2000 Mr. Football, Steve Peek.



Junior, **Robby Saylor**, took a handoff from Senoir, **Chuckie Roth**. The Ingots succeeded in winning against North Newton.

Senior, **Kara Komenich**, as she leads the seniors in their "Thriller" routine at the Homecoming dance. Earlier that day they performed at the pep session and won first for class skits.



Junior, **Jackie Nord**, leads the crowd in a cheer. This is her third year on the squad and first year being a varsity captain.



Crowns and Competiton

Ending a week of fun filled activities was game night. The game began at 7p.m. against North Newton High School. At half time they announced **Rafael Price** as Mr. Football. Following that they announced **Silvia Montes** as this years Homecoming Queen. While being crowned the crowd cheered and she had a smile on her face. The court memebers greeted her with congratulatory hugs.

As the game ended River Forest had a victorious win over North Newton with. The game was filled with excitement and the crowd cheered the whole time. After the game there was a dance in the cafeteria until 11p.m. Many people danced and others just sat around and socialized with their friends.



Homecoming Queen
Silvia Montes

Senior court candidate
Natalie Quinlan

Senior court candidate
Leann Cicillian

Senior court candidate
Leslie Blankenship

Senior court candidate
Heather Rogyom

From the Sidelines

How do you feel on having your season cut so short when you were favored to win sectionals?



Sal Montes

"Losing to the team we beat just a week earlier makes the loss even worse. I would give anything to replay that game. You don't realize what kind of opportunity you have until it's gone."



Brant Heavilin

"During two-a-days I told myself I wanted to look back on my senior year and have no regrets about the season and now all I have are regrets."

Team Leaders

Offense

Rafael Price WR - 23 TD's, 1,422 Yards

Robby Saylor RB - 7 TD's, 799 Yards

Chuck Roth QB - 81 for 120, 14 TD's, 3 Rush TD's

Defense

James Cruz LB - 101 Tackles

Sal Montes NG - 85 Tackles

Brant Heavilin DT - 5 Fumble Recoveries

Mike Guzman DE - 7 QB Sacks

2001 Football Schedule

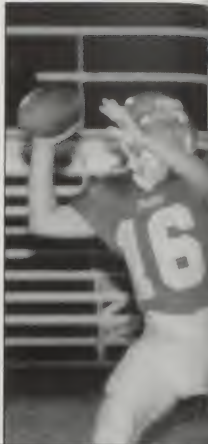
Lake Station Scrim.	"Win"
Calume	10-35
Whiting	18-7
Kankakee Valley	40-7
Lew Wallace	27-6
Wheeler	40-22
North Newton	43-28
Hammond Gavit	7-14
North Judson	14-35
South Central	34-14
Sectionals	
South Centra	17-14

Football



Coach for a Night

Mrs. Mihalk watches the game from the sidelines as an honorary coach. The Ingots played and beat Lew Wallace, the high school from which Mrs. Mihalk graduated.



The varsity football team sings the school song, *On Wisconsin*, after beating North Newton. It's been a tradition at River Forest to sing the school song at the 50 yard line after a win.



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Friday Night Lights

The River Forest Ingots were led to a winning season by their seniors, **Rafael Price, Sal Montes, Chuck Roth, Mike Guzman, Brant Heavilin, Stacey Gumm and Matt Lopez**. The football team was ranked 8th in the state after a five game winning streak. The streak was broken after losing to 4A Hammond Gavit. The highlight of the year came after beating the 4th ranked team in the state, South Central, 34-14. The Ingots met their goals of having a winning season and becoming conference champs for the third year in a row. They fell short of their sectional goal after losing to South Central in sectionals. It was a big disappointment for the football team after losing to a team they had already beaten. River Forest probably has the hardest football schedule in the area. River Forest is a 1A school playing against 4A and 5A schools. The football team plays only two 1A schools, Whiting and South Central.



Football Team: From Top row 1: Coach Tim Gault, Coach Kirk Whiting, Coach Chris Kozub, Coach Tom Bonez; row 2: Sal Montes, Daniel Stanley, Rafael Price, Justin Horn, Stacey Gumm, Ricky Price, Mike Gonzalez; row 3: Matt Lopez, James Cruz, Al Martinez, Rudy Cano, Jeff McNabb, Joey Walters; row 4: Matt Bigot, Andres Verduzco, Mike Guzman, Chuck Roth, Brant Heavilin, Ed Stojancevich, Tavis Tillberry; row 5: Justin Guzman, Walter Jaime, Mike Toigo, Dustin Zon, Carlos Muniz, Mike Fay; row 6: Tim Lane, Carmello Vanegas, Bruce Renberg and Scotty Westmoreland.



From the Sidelines

Volleyball



Silvia Montes

How do you feel about your coach?

"I love my coach. She's easy to get along with, not only as a coach, but as a friend. I'm very proud of her for not giving up during our worst times and her worst times."



Natalie Quinlan

How do feel about the underclassmen on the team?

"I feel that they have improved tremendously since the beginning of the season. Next year they will be able to accomplish more based on the things the seniors and coaching staff have taught them."

Team Leaders

Natalie Quinlan: Leading Hitter

Toni Kennedy: Leading Setter

Heather Rogyom: 2nd in Setting

Silvia Montes and Natalie Quinlan: Lead in Digging and Passing

Awards:

Toni Kennedy- MIP

Natalie Quinlan- MVP

Silvia Montes- Mental Attitude

2001 Varsity Volleyball

Morgan Township	Loss
Whiting	Loss
Hobart Invitational	Loss
Hebron	Loss
Hanover Central	Loss
Oregon Davis	Loss
Gavit	Loss
Marquette	Loss
Lew Wallace	Win
Roosevelt	Win
North Newton	Loss
Washington Township	Loss
Wheeler	Loss
Argos	Loss
Westville	Loss
Boone Grove	Loss
South Central	Loss
N.A.C Tournament	Loss
Wirt	Win
Griffith	Win
Lake Station	Loss
Sectionals: Washington Township	Loss



When asked about being a first year coach, she replied, "There are many unexpected pressures as a head coach." Coach Jennifer Pierson said that the girls were easy to work with and that the seniors especially helped her out.



During a time-out the Lady Ingots receive encouragement from Coach Pierson while playing cross town rival, Lake Station. Coach Pierson would always tell the ladies not only to play hard, but to always have fun, win or lose, which was the case against Lake Station. Despite losing they did enjoy their season together and tried hard.



INGOTS



Volleyball Superstars

During the fall months you might have heard the Lady Ingots during practice exclaiming such sayings as **Natalie Quinlan** and **Toni Kennedy's** "Cha-Ching Cha-Ching Doosh," for every spike and ace; or **Coach Amy Pierson** saying "Hooty-Hoo" when she was excited with the way the ladies were playing.

The squad can certainly say that they worked hard this season, although their record didn't show their effort. The record this year was 6-16; however, the ladies were definitely in the spotlight when they were ranked 10th in the state.



Varsity Volleyball Team: **row1:** Heather Rogyom, Natalie Quinlan; **row2 :** Missy Arnold, Danielle Kempster, Silvia Montes, Ashley Aires, Amber Carrol, Coach Jennifer Pierson; **row3:** Amber Morris, Danielle Walker, Rachel Lightfoot, Kristina Komenich; **row4:** Leann Cicillian, and Toni Kennedy.



From^{the} Sidelines

How do you feel about your fellow teammates?

Justin Carlson

Boys Most Valuable 3 Year Varsity Runner All-Conference

"I am proud of how everyone worked, and I loved those guys and girls like family,"



Cross Country

2001 Boys Varsity Cross Country

Gavit Invit.	7th
Hanover Central	Loss
Hebron	Loss
New Prairie Invit.	17th
Gary Wirt	Win
Lowell	Loss
Hobart	Win
Lake Station	Win
Whiting	Win
Highland Invit.	16th
Westville	Win
Hobart Invit.	6th
Whiting	Win
S. Central	Win
M.C. Marquette	Loss
N.A.C. Meet	2nd
Sectionals	10th



Varsity Boys Cross Country left to right:

front row: Ricky Sajedera, Zach Heridia, Justin Carlson, Robert Ordway;
second row: Eli Gregory, Dustin Coleman, Diego Gonzalez, Andres Verduzco;
top row: Coach Jason Quigg.

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cross country

Cross Country on Football?

"Hut, Hut, Hike!", would not be a sound normally heard at the boys cross country practice. As a ritual, everyday before a meet, they did warm-ups and then proceeded to the sand. They would play a game of football, but the catch was the whole time you played you could not stop running. This game was one of many that the boys' team played.

According to Freshman, **Diego Gonzalez**, "Playing the games made the team come together."



Justin Carlson and Dustin Coleman are literally running seconds apart, as they were in most of their races.

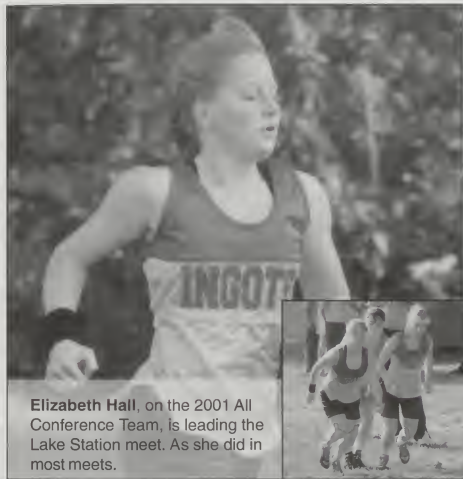
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Where Did Hall Go?

Senior **Elizabeth Hall's** name was heard from far and wide as this speed demon raced through all the meets showing no mercy to anyone. This star studded comet is said to be unstoppable. "I surprised myself that I did this well," replied Elizabeth, this was her first year in cross country.

Even though there was not enough girls for half the season for a full team. All the girls improved on their times and encouraged each other on and off the course. Senior, **Vicki Tschopp** said, "We made sure we told each other 'Good Luck!'"



Elizabeth Hall, on the 2001 All Conference Team, is leading the Lake Station meet. As she did in most meets.

From^{the} Sidelines

How do you feel about your fellow teammates?



Elizabeth Hall
Girls Most Valuable NAC Champion
Best Time 15:13:00
"I feel we all worked really hard towards our goals."

2001 Girls Varsity Cross Country

Gavit	No Score
Hanover Central	Loss
Hebron	Loss
New Prairie	No Score
Gary Win	No Score
Lowell	Loss
Hobart	No Score
Lake Station	No Score
Whiting	Loss
Highland	15th
Westville	Win
Kank. Valley	12th
Whiting	Loss
S. Central	Win
M.C. Marquette	Loss
N.A.C. Meet	3rd
Sectionals	9th



Varsity Girls Cross Country left to right:

front row: Victoria Tschopp, Jackie Nord, Beth Persley;
second row: Tara Camarena, Coach Jason Quigg, Elizabeth Hall.

From the Sidelines

How do you feel about your teammates this year?



Nick Roach
the MVP
and Main coming
attraction.
"I enjoyed working with
my teammates."



John Clark
the MIP
and mental attitude
award winner
"I look forward to playing
with the team next year,"
replies John.

2001 Varsity Boys Tennis

Hammond Clark	Lost
East Chicago	Won
Hammond Morton	Won
Hobart	Lost
Morton	Won
Gavit	Won
Lake Station Invit.	Lost
Griffith	Lost
Horace Mann	Won
Roosevelt	Lost
Kankakee Valley	Lost
Lew Wallace	Won
Marquette Cath.	Lost
Lake Station	Won

Boys Tennis



Coach Al Detterline
has been coaching the boys
tennis program now for 18
years. He was proud on how
his team did this year, and
Detterline hopes for "Another
winning season."

Sophomore, Josh
Elea rushes forward for
the tennis ball coming
towards him.



Junior, **Aaron Gutierrez**
at number one singles gets
ready for a match as well as
Sophomore, **Brandon Ragan**.



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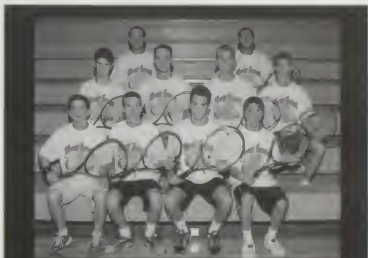


Brighter Stars

Sophomore, **Nick Roach**, the most valuable player, was number two singles with a record of 14 wins and 1 loss. Junior, **John Clark**, the most improved player and recipient of the mental attitude award, played number two doubles and then ended the season in number three singles.

Despite losing sectionals the boys still had a winning season. The team finished the season 7-6. All the members look forward to next year.

"**John Clark** was a great person to coach," commented **Coach Al Detterline**. Even though the team was inexperienced they had the mental attitude of winners.



Varsity Boys Tennis

right to left; row 1: Daniel Squires, Nick Roach, Andrew Knies, John Clark; *row 2:* Joshua Elea, Dwayne Durk, JR Butcho, Brandon Ragan; *row 3:* Aaron Gutierrez, and Coach Al Detterline.



From^{the} Sidelines

What was the hardest move to learn?
Tara Quinlan

"It was learning the correct moves for spiking the volleyball."



JV Volleyball

2001 Girls JV Volleyball

Morgan Twp.	Loss
Whiting	Loss
Hebron	Loss
Hanover Central	Loss
Oregon Davis	Win
Marquette	Loss
Washington Twp.	Loss
Lew Wallace	Loss
Wirt	Win
Roosevelt	Win
Gavit	Loss
Mortan	Loss
North Newton	Loss
Washington Twp.	Loss
Wheeler	Loss
Argos	Loss
Westville	Loss
Boone Grove	Loss
South Central	Loss
Wirt	Win
Lake Station	Loss



JV Volleyball Team from top row: row 1: Amber Coleman, Sabrina Salas, Lisa Wallace, Jennifer Guzman; row 2: Missy Arnold, Tara Quinlan, Danielle Kempinski, Ashley Sutherland, Lauren Camp, Coach Michelle Bauldoff; row 3: Elizabeth Schilke, Paullette Blankenship, Amanda Degman, Nina Keslovina; row 4: Marja Wilson, Jody Soliday.

Up and Coming Stars

Coach Michelle Bauldoff became coach midseason but quickly the team got along. The team had both good and bad times but in the end enjoyed working with each other. Sophmores **Tara Quinlan** and **Lisa Wallace** were both the MVP's of the JV Volleyball team. Freshman **Rachel Lightfoot** was a outstanding player and ended the season on the Varsity Team. Freshman **Amanda Degman** was number one in spikes; also Freshman **Ashley Sutherland** lead these starlights in most points. Sophomore **Danielle Kempinski** blocked the most volleyball. The girls came out in the end with spirits of true Ingots.



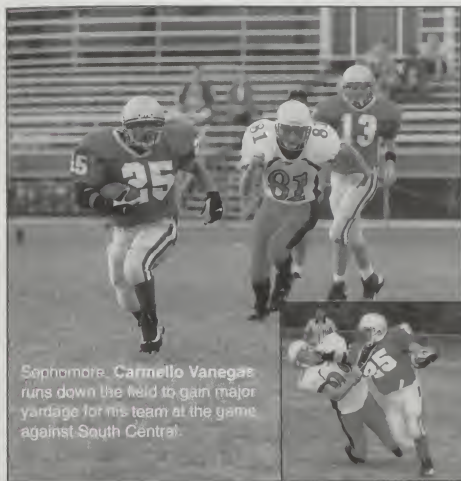
Freshman Rachel Lightfoot serves the volleyball over the net to score a point for the Lady Ingots.

STING



Glimmering Stars

The boys tried their hardest even if they were losing by much. The team had a new coach he is a first year teacher here at RF as well. Coach Tom Bonez pushed the boys to be the best they could and **Carmello Venegas** took that to heart. Sophomore **Carmello Venegas** showed his true stripes when an injury opened a spot for him on the starting team. Senior **Eddie Stojanchevich** was another stand out player that prove that he could do more than just stand around by working and encouraging others on the team when things seemed bad. The boys were a good example of hard workers through.



Sophomore **Carmello Venegas** runs down the field to gain major yardage for his team at the game against South Central.

JV Football



Carmello Venegas

From the Sidelines

What were your feelings on the team?

"We had a lot of first year players and we didn't have enough people to sub in for us, so we worked with what we had. We still played our hardest."

2001 Boys JV Football

Whiting	Loss
Lake Station	Loss
South Central	Loss
North Newton	Loss
Most of the boys also played Varsity Football.	

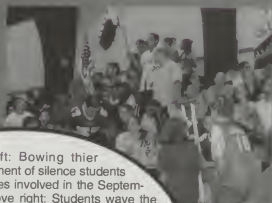
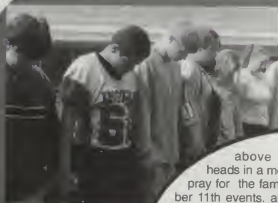


JV Football: From Top; Row 1: Coach Tim Gault, Coach Kirk Whiting, Coach Chris Kozub, Coach Tom Bonez; **Row 2:** Daniel Stanley; **Row 3:** Rudy Cano, Joey Walters; **Row 4:** Matt Bigot, Andres Verduzzco, Ed Stojanchevich, Travis Tilberry; **Row 5:** Walter Jalime, Mike Toigo, Dustin Zon, Carlos Muniz; **Row 6:** Tim Lane, Carmello Venegas, Bruce Renbergand, Scott Westmoreland

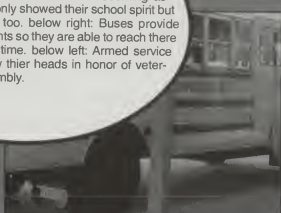
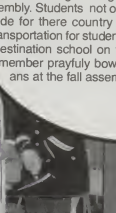




ON THE SPOT



above left: Bowing thier heads in a moment of silence students pray for the families involved in the September 11th events. above right: Students wave the american flag durring the Football Homecoming assembly. Students not only showed their school spirit but pride for there country too. below right: Buses provide transportation for students so they are able to reach there destination school on time. below left: Armed service member prayfully bow thier heads in honor of veterans at the fall assembly.





"I am proud of how our school handled the September 11 incident."

-Vicky Lemmon,
freshman



"During Homecoming week students displayed school spirit and american pride."

-Any Kenis,
sophomore



"I think the new polycys for attendance benfit me because I have good attendance now I just get a reward for it."

-Andres Verdusco,
junior



"I think the veterans assembly was a nice touch before fall break"

-Vicky Tschopps,
junior

HOLLYWOOD SQUARES



"The students at RF displayed an American attitude on 9-11-01"

-Pat McNabb



"Homecoming is a big event at RF students handled the tragic events with a good attitude"

-Jason Quigg



"I am glad they decided to reward the students with good attendance"

-Robert Marslack



"The assembly was a nice touch to put aside the memories of 9-11-01"

-Natalie Keller



Days before christmas break students went to the museum and visited the christmas tree exhibits.



Ready, set, jump! Senior Eli Gregory was picked out from the crowd with the spotlight shining on him. This was his 15 minutes of fame.



Flashing cameras, shining smiles, and perfect poses while Root Studios photographer gather together the Spanish Club for a group picture. This time the camers were all focused on the students.

Just like in the movies during the christmas season elves are busy working. Student Council sponsor Mrs. Pat McNabb and Kristina Komenich, junior, working together to organize pictures with Santa Clause. The Junior Class used this as a fundraiser for Prom.

Junior Gabriella Hernandez works diligently on her assignment in French class. This was her second year in French. When asked she said "I enjoyed learning about other countries Christmas traditions."

Behind the Scenes

During the fall students begin to learn their lines to this movie they are in the middle of their journey and in the dress rehearsal process. The final result won't be released until the spring.

For seniors they have learned that all the world's a stage and the underclassmen are still testing out their abilities.

Take a closer look through the eyes of a student in "Ingotwood", and flip through the pages while the spot light is on us.



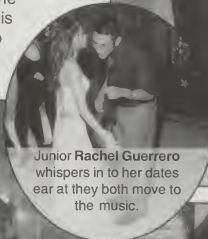
A Winter WonderLand

Walking through the gym you would think you were on the edge of a dream. The decorations made you believe you were in the mist of a dream. That was exactly what the seniors wanted you to believe when they decided upon the theme "On Edge of a Dream".

Turnabout is a tradition at River Forest for many years it is when the girl has the chance to ask the guys to the dance. Many couples before arriving to the dance go out to dinner and have plans such as bowling or the movies after the dance. This year many couples went to the movies to see *"A walk to Remember"*

Freshman **Brandi Pardon** and sophomore **Ricky Price** bogey just like they did "Grease". This was both their first year going to turnabout.

Juniors **Amanda Alexander** and **Kristina Komenich** groove to the music. Many girls spend their day before the dance at hair appointments, nail salons, and buying last minute items needed to the dance.



Junior **Rachel Guerrero** whispers in to her dates ear at they both move to the music.



Showing of his unique moves is senior **Danny Munoz**. Danny has a different style of dance than others, it works for him and encourages others to make their way to that dance floor.





Posing for a quick picture senior **Beth Persley** and her date junior **Robert Ordway**. This was both their first year attending turnabout and they both said they enjoyed the dance.



During the turnabout dance many students moved to the music together. Many students laughed and enjoyed themselves while dancing.

Junior **Mike Doffin** enjoys a cozy conversation with his date **Melissa Ballard**.



Gathering together to take a group picture with math teacher **Mr. Jason Quigg** the smile and pose for the picture.

BLOCKBUSTER EVENTS



Monday January 21, 2002

Freshmen gather around in their pj's to show off their school spirit. When the students dress up for spirit days they receive points for their class.



Tuesday January 22, 2002

Senior girls flaunt off their unmatched clothes with tacky hairstyles. When students dress for tacky day they wear bright unmatched outfits. As you can see the seniors have no problem showing it off.



Wednesday January 23, 2002

Senior **Desiree Torres** parades around in her Pizza Hut uniform. She has worked at Pizza Hut for over a year.

This year's basketball homecoming week was very interesting. Some traditions were broken and some were kept the same. This year the freshmen took fourth place, seniors took third, juniors took second, and sophomores took first place in over all competition. Some of the events that took place were hall decorations, wacky olympics, the pep assembly and following the game was the dance.

During the week students were collecting money to pay for decorations and dressing very school spirited. When it was time for the pep session, auxiliary performed a very one of a kind dance. The routine that senior captain **Katherine Komenich** choreographed was unique. Along with the auxiliary the cheerleaders also performed "Even though we didn't have practices everyday the girls still came and got help to make our show successful," stated captain **Jackie Nord**. The day was ended with a the traditional battle cry to get the student ready for the game.

Seniors **Sarah Saylor**, **Lizz Schilke**, **Alisha Gallardo** and **Thersa Larson** along with freshman **Rosallee Munoz** pose for a picture on tacky day. At school many of the students especially the girls dressed in tacky clothes.



Freshmen Auxiliary girls take a quick pose before they perform. They girls flaunt their school spirit with red and gold make-up and red and gold clothes. The girls were very excited about their performance.



Freshman Victoria Lemmon proudly shows off her decorations. She was one of the many that stayed to participate. They put red glitter on basketballs with the player's name and number. Their theme was "Knock-out The Bobcats". The freshmen placed third in the hallway decorations. Overall they placed third.



Thursday January 24, 2002

Juniors Jackie Nord and Vanessa Walley are in stylish 50's outfit. Many of the River Forest students were dressed in poodle dog skirts and capri pants. Another fashion of the 50's was wearing scarfs in your hair which many girls were wearing.



Friday January 25, 2002

Sophomore girls proudly pose for their picture. The girls are members of Auxiliary dance team. Later during the assembly they performed a dance. These girls have spirit and are not afraid to show it.



Most Memorable Moment

Auxiliary performed an original dance. The girls worked very hard for this performance. They practiced during every lunch hour.



Sophomores theme was "Put'em On The Plank". They won first place in skits also first place in overall competition. Their skit was very entertaining and funny.



Rafael Price, was announced Mr. Basketball during the halftime. Members of the basketball team voted for him to receive this title.



The cheerleaders get the crowd ready for cheering as they do a stunt. The cheerleaders are coached by Mrs. **Lisa Miranda** and Mrs. **April Uncapher**.



During the basketball half-time the auxiliary performed the dance they did during the pep session. The crowd cheered the girls for their well done performance.

Silvia Montes, was announced Miss Basketball. She proudly waves her basketball. This was her award for winning this honorable title. She was also on Spirit Court.



Senior **Chuck Roth** shoots a free throw. Chuck was also nominated for Mr. Ingot Spirit. This is his second year on the team.



Crowns and Competiton

When the began the stands filled with fans. The varsity Ingot Basket ball team was playing Oregon-Davis. The Ingots had a successful win against them. When haltime came there were many things planned. To start it off court members were announced. As they walked down the court the crowd cheered for the girls and the guys. When it was time to announce who won the title of Mr. and Ms. Ingot Spirit there was a silence. Mrs. McNabb announced **Beth Persely** and **Danny Munoz** as Mr. and Ms. Ingot Spirit.

Following that **Rafael Price** was honored the title of Mr. Basketball. Finishing the haltime was a dance performance by the Auxiliary. The night ended with a traditional Homecoming dance that ended at 11:30 p.m.



Miss Ingot Spirit **Beth Persley**, Senior court members **Heather Rogymon**, **Toni Kenndy**, **Leann Cicillian**, **Beth Persley**, **Leslie Blankenship**, and **Silvia Montes**.

From the Sidelines

Boys Basketball



Sal Montes

How do you feel about the role of team captain?

"I really enjoyed the role as captain because it helped me support the team. Even though I am not very vocal."



Nick Roach

What was the greatest accomplishment that the team achieved this year?

"I feel like we recovered after Rafael's injury and some of the other injuries that our team suffered. I am proud of our team."

Team Leaders

Rafael Price: 230 leading scorer

Aaron Gutierrez: 122 points

Justin Horn: 128 rebounds

Sal Montes and Rafael Price: 97 rebounds

Awards:

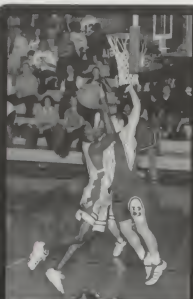
Rafael Price- MVP

Aaron Gutierrez- MIP

Sal Montes- Mental Attitude

2002 Varsity Boys Basketball

Chesterton	Loss
Wheeler	Loss
N.A.C. South Central	Loss
N.A.C. Westville	Win
Boone Grove	Loss
Hobart	Loss
Lake Station	Win
Portage	Loss
Argos	Loss
Hebron	Loss
Kankakee Valley	Loss
Washington Township	Win
South Central	Loss
Oregon-Davis	Win
M.C. Marquette	Loss
Westville	Win
North Newton	Loss
Whiting	Loss
Hammond Clark	Loss
Hanover Central	Loss
Sectional	Loss



Senior, Rafael Price, was a major part of the team. Then he broke his ankle, and his role in the team changed to a more of assistant coach. He is what a true Ingots stands for.

"I am proud to play with such great guys," replied Rafael Price.



Main: Senior, Sal Montes, goes up at low post scores two points at the game against Boone Grove.

Right: Senior, Rafael Price, rebounds and dribbles to safety for the team at the game against South Central.



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Shooting for the Sky

"The guys were very coachable this year. They listened well and did their best," commented **Coach Quigg**. Despite all their hard work this season, some force worked against the team this year with various injuries to the team. This effected them all, causing them to work harder for their goals regardless of the odds against them.

Even though they did not do well in the win/loss section, "We came together as a family and everytime on court we improved as a team," said senior **Sal Montes**, who, along with sophomore **Nick Roach**, stood up and helped out to lead the team when senior **Rafael Price** was injured.

"Obviously the season did not end the way we wanted it to ... but the guys played hard to the very end," stated, **Coach Quigg**.



Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Danny Munoz, Chuckie Roth, Mike Fay, Nick Roach, Adam Martinez, Carmelo Venegas; **Row 2:** Eli Gregory, Sal Montes, Stacy Gumm, Aaron Gutierrez, Rafael Price; **Row 3:** Justin Horn, Coach Jimenez, Coach Feh, Coach Quigg, Coach Buerleson, Dwayne Durk



From the Sidelines

Varsity Girl's Basketball

What is your favorite memory of your years playing Basketball?



Silvia Montes

"I am always going to remember my playing years as playing with a family. I love the way that whenever one of the players would need something we'd always come together and help out."



Elizabeth Hall

"I will never forget last season when I messed up my legs. It was one of the worst and best experiences of my life. Although it ended my season it has helped me to become a better ball player this year."

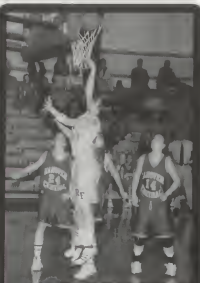


Natalie Quinlan

"My favorite memory isn't exactly about me. I will always remember the day that Mel was sent to practice with the JV team because she couldn't keep her mouth closed."

2001-2002 Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule

Griffith		Loss
Morgan Twp.	Win	
Boone Grove		Loss
Wirt		Win
N.A.C. South Central Win		
N.A.C. Marquette		Win
N.A.C. Oregon Davis		Loss
North Newton		Loss
Hanover Central		Win
Argos		Win
Gary Mann.		Loss
Morton		Win
Hebron		Loss
Calumet		Loss
Kankakee Valley		Loss
Marquette		Win
Oregon Davis		Loss
Westville		Win
Washington Twp.		Loss
Sec. Washington Twp.		Loss



Junior Amanda Alexander goes in for a layup during the game against Hanover Central. This is Amanda's third year playing Varsity and she is also a key starter.

Coach Detterline gives the girls a quick talk during a time-out. Detterline always tried to get the girls ready for the next plays during time-outs



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Shooting Stars

The year for the Ingots got off to a difficult start. Once the girls started playing as a team things began to look up. For the first time in River Forest history the lady's defeated Hanover Central. Coach Detterline had this to say about this years team "They are a great and talented group of girls. I am pleased to be coaching such a group of girls." This year the Ingots played exceptionally well during Sectionals. They went on to defeat the South Central Satellites in the first round but the were defeated during a close game by Washington Township.



Varsity Girls Basketball: Back Row: Coach Detterline, Silvia Montes, Paulina Ballesteros, Amanda Alexander, Krystal Montes, Coach Thompson, Manager Holly Westmoreland. Front row: Amber Morris, Melody Myers, Elizabeth Hall, Natalie Quinlan, and Tonya Westmoreland.



From^{the} Sidelines

Special Olympics

Did you have fun this season?
What is your most memorable
moment this season?

Ricky Sajdera stated,
"I had a lot of fun this season. I
liked doing lay ups at practice
and at the games. All of us are
very excited about going to state
in March."



*George Stanley, Mrs. Alessandrini, and
Rick Sajdera proudly stand for the playing
of the National Anthem.*



*Special Olympics
left to right:*

*front row: Asst. Coach Miss Jablonski,
Stephan Feezor, Stephanie Neely, Joanie
Emerson, Coach Mrs. Alessandrini
second row: Paul Cleveland, Rick Sajdera,
Michael Podgorski, George Stanley.*



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special olympics

Out to win the Gold

The Special Olympics team had many wins and losses
this season. The players were lead by team captain Ricky
Sajdera and coach Mrs. Alessandrini. This is River Forest's
second year having a Special Olympics basketball team.

Coach Alessandrini stated, "I'm proud of them for all their
hard work. They all have good attitudes towards each other. It's
been fun coaching them."



Going up for a rebound, Joanie Emerson
and Rick Sajdera fight to gain control of
the ball. Rick dribbles the ball down the
court towards the basket.

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Rock & Roll Bowling

This was the third year River Forest had a bowling team. The team started their season off differently this year. With losing some valuable players as well as a coach the team lacked confidence. They began the season slowly, but soon things picked up rapidly. The boys and girls were now winning matches not to mention the girls victory over Andrean. Both teams faced ranked opponents and perform well against them. The boys placed seventh and the girls placed fifth.



Missy Aronold, senior, keeps her eyes on the ball as she gets ready to throw her ball down the lane. Missy averages about 110. John Clark, junior attempts to hit his mark before he releases the ball.



Varsity Bowling

From the Sidelines

2002 Varsity Bowling

Gavit	Los
Hanover Central	Los
Hebron	Los
New Prairie	Los
Gary Wirt	Los
Lowell	Los
Hobart	Los
Lake Station	Los
Whiting	Los
Highland	15t
Westville	Wi
Kank. Valley	12t
Whiting	Los
S. Central	Wi



Just like any other sport, the team huddle for good luck. As senior, Toni Kennedy says, "You are not a true athlete unless you're on the bowling team."



From the Sidelines

What do you feel has been the biggest accomplishment the team has made this year?

Dwayne Durk
Averages 9 points a game
"I think working as a team.
Everyone stepping up to do
their part instead of relying
on one individual person."



JV Boys Basketball

2002 Boy JV Basketball

Chesterton	Loss
Wheeler	Loss
South Central	Loss
Boone Grove	Loss
Hobart	Loss
Lake Station	Win
Portage	Loss
Argos	Loss
Hebron	Loss
Kankakee Valley	Loss
Washington Township	Win
South Central	Loss
Oregon Davis	Win
M.C. Marquette	Loss
North Newton	Win
Whiting	Win



JV Boys Basketball

left to right: front row: Manager Danny Muñoz, Adam Martinez, Andres Verdusco, Jeff McNabb, Manager Carmello Venegas
back row: Coach Joe Burleson, Brandon Ragan, Jack Stoddard, Dwayne Durk, Ricky Price, Coach Jason Quigg

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JV Boys Basketball

Hollywood's Finest

The boys junior varsity basketball team had a rocky season. Although the boys fell short on their record, they showed great effort in every game and practice.

Junior **Jack Stoddard** stated "We worked hard as a team. Sometimes in a game you get to the point where you want to give up, but that is when you need to try harder." Team work was one of the main things that was displayed on the floor at all times.



Ricky Price jumps for the ball in an effort to get a good start for the game.

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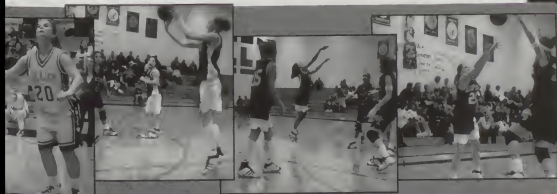
Super Nova's

The girl's junior varsity team had a tough season, but they played hard until the very last second of every game. Their finishing record this year was 6-14.

Although the season didn't go as well as they thought it could have, freshman **Amanda Degman** stated, "Winning isn't everything. The team worked hard in every game, and I enjoyed playing with them." The teams overall effort was not only shown on the court, but also at their practices. They gave 100% all the time, everytime.



Senior Amy M... book three
them on the floor...
on the line.



From the Sidelines

JV Girls Basketball

What do you feel was been the biggest accomplishment the team made this year?



Jamie Dailey

"How we came together and started acting like a team instead of individuals."

2002 JV Girl's Basketball

Griffith	Loss
Morgan Township	Win
Boone Grove	Loss
Lakestation	Win
Gary Wirt	Win
South Central	Loss
North Newton	Loss
South Central	Win
Hanover Central	Loss
Argos	Loss
Gary Mann	Loss
Hammond Morton	Loss
Hebron	Loss
Calumet	Loss
Kankakee Valley	Loss
M.C. Marquette	Loss
Oregon Davis	Loss
Kouts	Win
Washington Township	Loss
Westville	Win



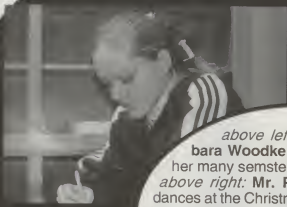
JV Girls Basketball

left to right front row: Lisa Wallace, Pam Ivey, Sabrina Salas, Jamie Dailey, Monica Solis

second row: Coach Jennifer Pierson, Amanda Degman, Rachel Lightfoot, Danielle Kempksi, Ashley Sutherland, Maria Solis



ON THE SPOT

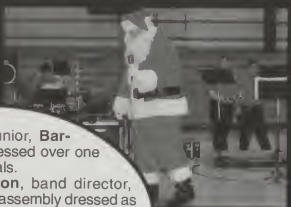


above left: Junior, **Barbara Woodke**, stressed over one her many semester finals.

above right: **Mr. Pinson**, band director, dances at the Christmas assembly dressed as Santa Clause.

below left: Freshman, **Rodney Robinson**, is in his starting stance for the wrestling team.

below right: Former student, Angel Rosado, and Senior, **Silvia Montes**, get their boogy on at this years. Turn-about Dance.



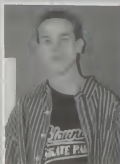
Do you look forward to future Finals?



"NO! They stressed me out, however I feel more prepared for when time for the next finals come around."

-Matt Teller,
Freshman

Was the band ready for the christmas concert?



"At first we were shaky, then it all came together at the end."

-Andy Knies,
Sophomore

How did Wrestling help you mentally?



"Wrestling gave me more confidence in myself."

-Renee Garcia,
Junior

What was the atmosphere of Turnabout like?



"I thought it was fun. I had a blast just being there with my friends."

-Leann Cicillian,
Senior

HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

If you had the option of giving the final, would you give it?



"I have the option already. Students with an 'A' throughout the semester, don't have to take them."

-Mr. Whitting,
History Teacher

What are your feelings on directing choir?



"It is a growing group that i enjoy working with. We are trying to rebuild ourselves."

-Mrs. Scholl,
Choir Director

What are your thoughts about Rodney Robinson this year?



"It was easy for Rodney to quit and to sucume to external preasures, but he stuck with it."

-Mr. Gault,
Wrestling Coach

What is something you should never do at Turnabout?

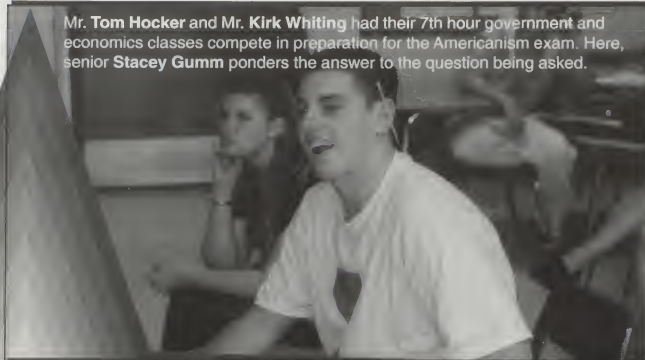


"Do not sit in a chair that has glitter on it, and go with someone you like."

-Mrs. McNabb,
Computer Teacher

History and Science

Mr. Tom Hocker and Mr. Kirk Whiting had their 7th hour government and economics classes compete in preparation for the Americanism exam. Here, senior **Stacey Gumm** ponders the answer to the question being asked.



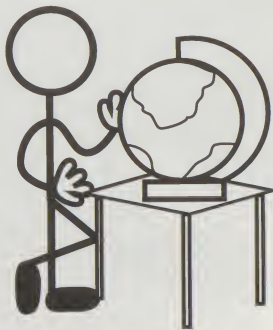
Sophomore **Danielle Yelker** tries to concentrate on her chemistry exam.

Star Bright

Throughout the school year members of the River Forest teaching staff were faced with the endeavor of trying to cram a bit of knowledge into the minds of the stars in an attempt to brighten them.

The seniors had to deal with the likes of Mrs. **Sandra Mihalik's** English course, Mr. **Kirk Whiting's** Economics class, and Mr. **Tom Hocker's** Government class, which they needed to pass to graduate. Some of the other students learned about ancient civilizations in Mr. Whiting, Mr. Spencer, and Mr. Hocker's World History courses. Other students learned in Mr. **Jim Wells,'** Biology course, Mr **Tim Gault's** Earth Science class, and Mrs. **Kathy Hooks'** Chemistry class.

Overall, the student body brightened themselves because of the excellent River Forest teachers.



Sophomore **Melody Myers** works hard on on her chemistry assignment in Mrs. Kathy Hooks' 6th period class. Melody's hard work, not only in chemistry, but in all her classes, must have paid off because she is currently ranked first in her class.

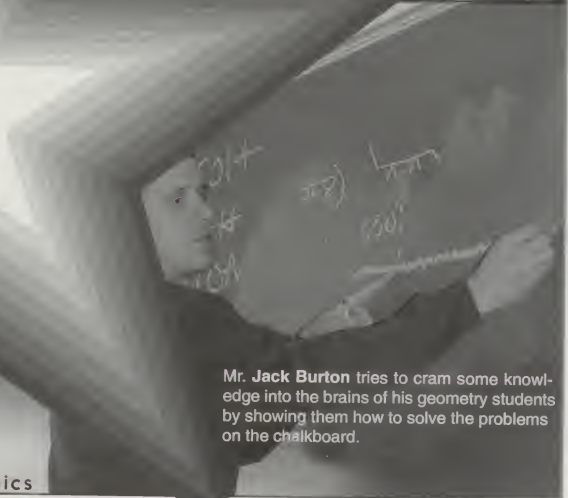


English and Math

Mrs. Sandra Mihalk attempts to answer Brant Heavilin's inquiry about a writing assignment in English class.



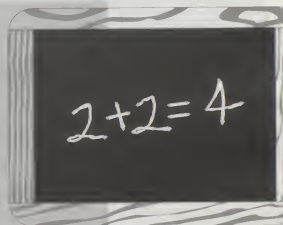
Mr. Jack Burton tries to cram some knowledge into the brains of his geometry students by showing them how to solve the problems on the chalkboard.



Counting The Stars

Aside from history and science courses, students at River Forest have to also take required math and English classes; reportedly the toughest classes at R.F.

The seniors learned of even the smallest minutiae in the world's most difficult language, English, in Mrs. **Sandra Mihalik's** British Literature class. Other students enlighten themselves in the area of mathematics; such as in Mr. **Jason Quigg's** calculus course, where his students dressed up as famous mathematicians and spoke to their classmates about the accomplishments and contributions they made to mathematics. Mr. **Jack Burton's** geometry classes learned about geometric theorems and were taught how to make proofs. Students of Mr. **Al Deterline's** algebra1 class learned how to solve equations and other skills needed to continue on to geometry. Mr. **Chuck Cullison** also teaches pre-algebra, algebra1, and physics. Mrs. **Natalie Keller** teaches freshman and juniors English skills in English class and sophomores speaking skills in speech class. Ms. **Francie Blaney** teaches sophomores and freshman English. She was not able to teach during the first semester because she was hospitalized; however, she made a full recovery and was back to her old self by the beginning of the second semester to the relief of all students and faculty.



Senior **Elizabeth Hall** diligently works on her calculus assignment as Mr. **Jason Quigg** assists her with it. Elizabeth was one of only five in the class; **Toni Kennedy**, **Kara Komenich**, **Leann Cicillian**, and **Natalie Quinlan** were the others in it.



Technology and Industrial

Freshman **Kyle Lane** works on his project for Woods 1. Kyle is making an organizer for his room.



Senior **Elizabeth Hall** carefully places the teachers' pictures on the paper set for the bulletin board.



One of the most popular classes offered at RF is Mr. Weitzel's Technology classes. Mr. Weitzel offers keyboarding as well as business classes and web design. He has two business classes. His second hour class takes care of the bookstore while his sixth hour takes care of the yearbook classes financial responsibilities. Mr. Weitzel's web design class is in charge of the school's website. This year they are also taking on the responsibility of making the Senior wills. It was decided since there is only one senior in newspaper and since the web design class is all seniors, with the exception of one student that is a junior the web design class would take care of it. Senior **Chuck Roth** said " I think it's going to be a great success, by having the will's on the school's website everyone will have a chance to read them and all they have to do is click a link to the students will they wish to see instead of searching through everyones will just to find one persons."

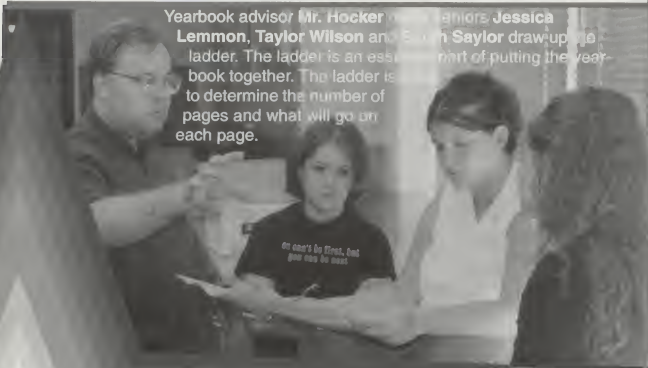
Like the technology classes the Industrial Arts classes have been busy as well. "We have one student, Junior Dwayne Durk who has been working on an entertainment center since the beginning of the year and is planning on finishing it soon. He is doing a great job, I am proud of the work that my students are doing." stated teacher Mr. Rajsic. Many students have been working on the same project all year while other have begun the second projects. The projects range from candleholders, organizers, and baseball bats to shelves, cabinets and entertainment centers.



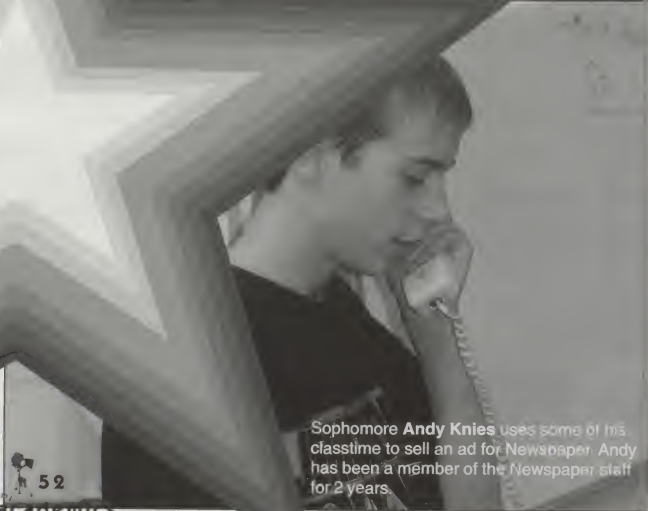
Senior **Sal Montes** concentrates on an assignment during his 6th hour business class.

Journalism

Journalism



Yearbook advisor **Mr. Hocker** and seniors **Jessica Lemmon**, **Taylor Wilson** and **Erin Saylor** draw up the ladder. The ladder is an essential part of putting the yearbook together. The ladder is used to determine the number of pages and what will go on each page.



Sophomore **Andy Knies** uses some of his classtime to sell an ad for Newspaper. Andy has been a member of the Newspaper staff for 2 years.

Yearbook and Newspaper

There are two student run classes offered at RF. Although teacher's are present the final product is produced by the students. These classes are Yearbook and Newspaper. Both classes have an advisor to help them but the students are responsible for the end product. **Mr. Hocker** is the yearbook advisor. This is his first year as advisor and he has this to say " I am finding it challenging but it's getting easier as it's going on and I'm looking forward to my second year. The students have been working really hard and the only thing we really need to do is sell more yearbooks!" As part of their grades the students must not only complete their pages but they must also sell ads and yearbooks otherwise the yearbook cannot be made. " I try and stress the fact of how important it is to buy a yearbook. If no one buys them, then we don't have enough money to make a yearbook." Stated junior **Jackie Nord**.

The Newspaper's advisor is Mrs.**Kozma**. She has been the advisor for 6 years. " I am very proud of my staff, we have our hardtimes especially around deadline time but we also have our good times. They are dedicated and hard workers." The Newspaper class is responsible for putting out the monthly editions of the Ingot Informer. Like the yearbook class they are responsible for selling ads to keep the paper printed. " The paper is very informative. It helps us remember special events that happened and keeps us informed of events yet to come.", stated freshman **Sam Lopez**.



Senior Heather Rogyom concentrates on her senior credits page. This is Heather's first year on the staff. Heather was responsible for the senior credits and senior superlatives page.

Band and Choir




BU Junior and Sophomore Bands performed at the Christmas Assembly.



At the Christmas Assembly, choir members sang their hearts out on everything from "Cold And Fugue Season" to "Jazz Gloria."

Celebrities in the Making

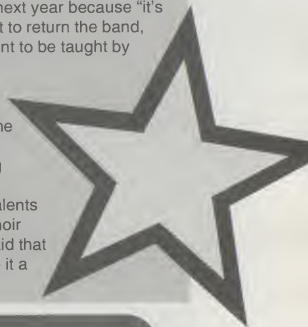


This year we've acquired a new band director, **Mr. Pinson**, and assistant band director, **Mrs. Heffernan**. When asked what they hoped to accomplish as new teachers, **Mr. Pinson** said that, when he first started, his main goal was to survive. **Mrs. Heffernan** said she hoped to improve music literacy.

Not only have we gotten new band directors this year, but the number of students in band has gone down dramatically since last year. When asked why he choose to stay with the band, even when many students chose to drop out, **Danny Muñoz** said, "...because I love playing. I play for the program..." **Cassandra Westmoreland** admitted that she was at first intent on disliking the band directors, although she's now glad that she stayed, saying, "I have learned more in seven months than in four years under **Mr. Slater** and **Mr. Cheek**." **Rosie Muñoz** also believes that a lot of new and previous students will probably be joining band next year because "it's already starting in Jazz band." When asked why they chose not to return the band, both **Tara Camarena** and **Becky Wolfe** said that they didn't want to be taught by someone else.

When asked to compare **Mr. Pinson** and **Mrs. Heffernan** to **Mr. Cheek** and **Mr. Slater**, **Cassandra Westmoreland** also said, "They do more fun, outside of school activities." To help the band stay bonded, several fun activities were setup outside of school. At the all-nighter the band was locked inside a building where they could do all sorts of fun activities.

For choir **Mrs. Scholl** is a teacher that cares about vocal talents and pushes the students to do their best. **Miss Kapciak**, the choir pianist, also cares about the students. **Krystal Rybicki** also said that choir is one of her favorite classes, and that people should give it a try.



"I hope at the end of the year that my students will be musically literate," said **Mrs. Heffernan**, when asked what she hoped to accomplish with her students.



Academic Team




Danny Muñoz, Kristina Komenich, and Tara Camarena play around in the pool at the Country Inn.



Melissa Arnold and her mother don't want to say goodbye

Brightest Stars Of Today



Hard work equals fun? That's certainly the way things seem to be with the Academic Team. Along with the work they do practicing and studying, they also know how to have fun and goof off.

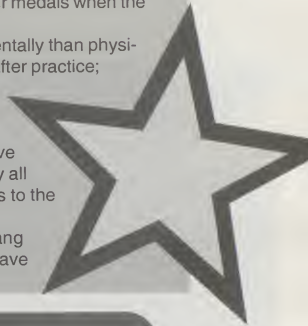
As a proof of all their hard work, the Academic Team, which is made up of a Super Bowl and a Spell Bowl, has obtained three consecutive state appearances so far. What's the difference between decathlon and super bowl? Decathlon is when everyone competes individually and super bowl is when the players are divided into teams based on different academic subjects, like science, history, and math.

Sarah Saylor received a gold medal in the music category and a bronze in English at the Area Competition, and Eric Gonzalez won four medals when the Academic Team was at state.

They work just as hard as an athletic team, only more mentally than physically. Senior Danny Muñoz even said that he's dead tired after practice; his brain hurts, and he just wants to sleep by the time he's home.

Practice for the academic team is almost like an extra class at the end of the day once a week; they study and have homework. It's very vigorous and rather tough. They study all sorts of various subjects, including everything from fine arts to the history of the internet.

When they get to state, they stay overnight and all just hang out. They go swimming, play video games, eat pizza, and have a great time.



In the middle of the photo, **Eric Gonzalez** is shown winning his overall medal. He won a total of four medals while at state.



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Beginning Band

front row: Autumn Shelton, Kimberly Therault, Tiffany Etheridge, Veronica Torres, Tara Robinson, Stephine Baughman, Jennifer Perez; *row 2:* Greg Stokes, Andrew Saalwaechter, Amanda Russi, Alicia Guertin, Elizabeth Alvarez, Haley Hardin, Brandon Walker, David Rose, Jessica Cox, Nick Sovich, Stephen Harrison; *row 3:* Tasha Esteph, Nancy Chen, Stephine Wrobel, Erica Havens, Jennifer Ordway, Felicia McCagh, Hermine Robinson, Keni Saalwaechter, Jerle Barnes; *row 4:* Sarah Blackwell, Erica Buckwalter, Jessica Taylor, Nichelle Riley, Ashley Clark, Alison Cranfill, Elyssa Meentemeyer, Trenton Halcomb, Cory Kurth, Ryan Mearse, Jeremy Spradlin; *row 5:* Michael Perkins, Daniel Rines, Landon McCoy, Matthew Mudry, Daniel Squires, Robert Schwader, Richard Garza, Angela Broughton, Cori Parrott, Rich Evans, Lacy Dyson; *row 6:* Tim Adam Robert Terry, Loren Parduhn, John Elea, Mr. John Pinson, Wendy Spencer, and Todd Cox.

Immediate Band

front row: Lauren Struebig, Apryl Westmoreland, Tom Megganhofen, Billy Cox, Josh Hazelton; *row 2:* Randi Bailey, Alisha West, Rebecca Dominguez, Jesus Renfrenia, Bethany Baker, Stephanie Regan, Tianna Hernandez, Kurt Lindahl, Jennifer Medrano; *row 3:* J.D. Gildersleeve, John Heridia, Scott Westmoreland, Vincent Lopez, Jusleaine Long, John Therault, Ricky Long, Kathy Lyle, Madaline Hardin; *row 4:* Jill Lewis, Julia Horn, Mikal Minarich, Kristopher Regan, Jessica Stryszyk, Elycia Delgado, Jeremy Maza, Jeremy Gregory, and Mr. Pinson.



Concert Band

front row: Lisa Wallace, Danny Rines, Marie Adams, Monica Salis, Sandy Foraker, Marisol Carrillo, Jonna Claxton, Marigrace Dietz, Jennifer Perkins, Lisa Clardy, Amber Carroll, Elizabeth Waters, Jennifer Gunter, Rosalee Munoz; *row 2:* Mary Saalwaechter, Rebekah Free, Channa Bane, Kalyin Whitten, Amanda Crofton, Angela Westmoreland, Eric Nunez, Danielle Walker, Vanessa Walley, Josh Ekdahl, Derek Soderquist, Sam Saalwaechter; *row 3:* Mr. Pinson, Jennifer Wiggins, Tara Quinlan, Zack Heridia, Crystal Salzer, Theresa Jansen, Ashley Sutherland, Josh Elea, Cassandra Westmoreland, Andy Kines, Brandon Balogh, Andres Verdusco; *row 4:* Rodney Robinson, Paulina Ballesteros, Brandy Parduhn, Danielle Kempksi, Travis Tilberry, Basil Gardner, Ed Stojancevich, Brandon Regan, Roger Knopp, B.J. Jansen, Danny Munoz, and Chris Davis.

Marching Band

front row: Lisa Wallace, Danny Rines, Marie Adams, Monica Salis, Sandy Foraker, Marisol Carrillo, Jonna Claxton, Marigrace Dietz, Jennifer Perkins, Lisa Clardy, Amber Carroll, Elizabeth Waters, Jennifer Gunter; *row 2:* Rodney Robinson, Mary Saalwaechter, Rebecca Free, Kalyin Whitten, Amanda Crofton, Angela Westmoreland, Daniel Walker, Andy Kines, Josh Ekdahl, Sam Saalwaechter, Rosalee Munoz; *row 3:* Jennifer Wiggins, Tara Quinlan, Zack Heridia, Krystal Salzer, Theresa Jansen, Ashley Sutherland, Josh Elea, Cassandra Westmoreland, Brandon Balogh, Brandon Ragan; *row 4:* Jodi Soliday, Leann Cicillian, Melody Myers, Meagan Burrell, Heather Rogyom, Holly Westmoreland, Kristina Komenich, Amber Morris, Maria Torres, Maria Solis, Melissa Arnold, Kara Komenich, Rachael Gurrero, Jennifer Guzman, Jessica Lemmon; *row 5:* Mr. Pinson, Paulina Ballesteros, Brandy Parduhn, Danielle Kempksi, Chris Davis, Basil Gardner, Ed Stojancevich, Marcos Cruz, Roger Knopp, B.J. Jansen, Danny Munoz, and Travis Tilberry.



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Jazz Band

front row: Basil Gardner; *row 2:* B.J. Jansen, Brandy Parduhn, Carlos Muniz, Danny Munoz, Roger Knopp, Travis Tillberry, John Trezak; *row 3:* Cassandra Westmoreland, Mr. Pinson, and Chris Davis.



H.S. Choir

front row: Britney Allbritton, Anna Howard, Elizabeth Howard, Nichole Pridemore, Louie Smith, John Sobel, Kristi Schmidt, Krystal Rybicki, DeAnna Mullins, April Brown; *row 2:* Heather Aguilar, Angela Cavillo, Jessica Beaudion, Lillian Lopez, Eric Nunez, Jose Torres, Letty Valenzuela, Betty Yzaguirre, Loretta Rhodus, and Amber Morris.



French Club

front row: Marisol Carrillo, Jessica Lemmon
row 2: Jackie Nord, and Amanda Degman



Spanish Club

front row: Mrs. Lucas, Eric Deemer, Krystal Rybicki, Myrian Fontanez, Nia Jimenez; *row 2:* Shelly Barlow, Pam Ivey, Genoveva Avila, Lizz Turney, Ed Stojancevich, Roger Deutscher; *row 3:* Veronica Muniz, Jeanine Songer, Kristina Komenich, Aaron Gutierrez, James Cruz, Amber Carroll, Rachael Guerrero, and Brianne Gilliana.



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Super Bowl

Front Row: Mike Guzman, Sarah Saylor, Amber Carroll, Missy Arnold, Melissa Manzo, Kaly Whitte; *row 2:* Eric Gonzalez, Brandon Ragan, Eric Deemer, Danny Muñoz, Zach Heridia, Kristina Komenich, Josh Halcomb, and Theresa Larson.

Decathalon

Front Row: Rosalee Muñoz, Sarah Saylor, Tara Camarena, Missy Arnold; *row 2:* Kaly Whitte, Eric Gonzalez, Eric Deemer, Danny Muñoz, Josh Halcomb, Kristina Komenich, and Diego Gonzalez



Spell Bowl

Front Row: Theresa Larsen, Rosalee Munoz, Alisha Gallardo; *row 2:* Brandon Ragan, Sarah Saylor, Josh Halcomb, Danny Munoz, Zachery Heridia, Amber Carroll; *row 3:* Eric Gonzalez, Tara Camarena, and Kaly Whitte.



Honor Society

Front Row: Cassandra Westmoreland, Kristina Komenich, Kara Komenich, Jackie Nord, Amber Carroll, Brianne Gilliana; *row 2:* Natalie Quinlan, Leann Cicilian, Elizabeth Hall, Danny Munoz, Justin Carlson, Jenny Lopez; *row 3:* Missy Arnold, Jeanine Songer, Josh Halcomb, Aaron Gutierrez, Toni Kennedy, and Michele Harper.

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Student Council

Front Row: Leann Cicillian, Heather Rogyom, Elizabeth Hall, Leslie Blankenship, Natalie Quinlan; *row 2:* Tony Knies, Danielle Walker, Jeff McNabb, Melody Myers, Kristina Komenich, Jeanine Songer; *row 3:* Rachel Lightfoot, Rosalee Munoz, and Amber Coleman.



Quill & Scroll

Front Row: Sarah Saylor, Sunni Pacey, Jeanine Songer
Back row: Holly Westmoreland, Josh Barnes, and Elizabeth Waters.

Yearbook

Front Row: Leann Cicillian, Heather Rogyom, Jessica Lemmon; *row 2:* Holly Westmoreland, Jackie Nord, Sarah Saylor, Taylor Wilson, Danny Munoz, Nicole Reed; *row 3:* Amanda Degman, Barbie Woodke, and Michael Guzman.



Newspaper

Front Row: Rachel Lightfoot, Beth Persley, Melody Myers; *row 2:* Josh Barnes, Sunni Pacey, Jeanine Songer, Elizabeth Waters, Andy Knies; *row 3:* Tony Monda, Jennifer Wiggins, Nathan Waters, and Melissa Manzo.



Bottom: Leann Cicillian and Jason Pavlik embrace in a goodbye hug. All of the Seniors got up to hug each other during the graduation ceremony, their eyes spilling over with tears.



Left: A touching moment as Senior **Rafael Price** gives a huge hug during the graduation ceremony, for the last time, before he leaves for Purdue.



Above: The Special Ed students had their own prom. **Ms Wilson, Stephan Feezor, and Melissa Herring** had tons of fun.



Left: One of younger stars, **Krystal Rybicki**, shows off her moves in support for our great school. This was Krystal's first year in cheerleading. All of the school's teams highly appreciated the verbal support of cheering from the crowd and girls.

Angel Rosado, alumnus, and Silvia Montes, Senior, had a glorious time at Prom. Silvia Montes was this year's Prom Queen.

It's a Wrap

Yes, spring is here, and like all good things, school must come to an end. It's like the ending of a really great film: the halls are filled with hugs, tears, and goodbyes; the seniors pass the torch to the Juniors; awards are given to the mighty; and graduation caps soar through the air.

What future roles do these film stars hold for their careers? Only time will tell. At least we know that this year's celebrities will hold a place in our hearts for the rest of our lives. Although the show must come to an end, the camera will keep rolling forever.



TRENDS

During the school year it was obvious of some of the new trends as well as some that stayed the same. For example sweaters, glitter jeans, polo shirts, and dusters were clearly popular. Students' closets still consisted of the classic hoodies, Adidas shoes, and logo shirts.



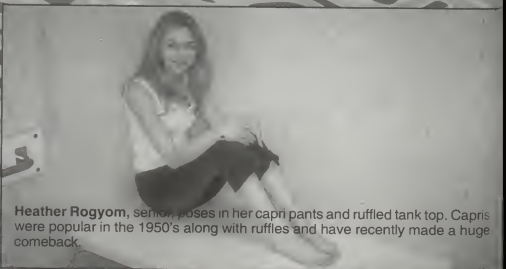
These Adidas shoes are very popular and could be found on the feet of many people like junior Robert Oroway.



Senior Jessica Lemmon shows off her ruffled shirt. The shirt has flared sleeves to add flavor to the outfit! She is also wearing a matching plaid skirt. This outfit is from Wet Seal.



Juniors, Ashley Ayres, Amanda Alexander, and Kristina Komenich demonstrate their trendy attire. The girls chose to accent their hair with highlights. Also the girls' are wearing shell necklaces which seems to also be a trend.



Heather Rogyom, senior, poses in her capri pants and ruffled tank top. Capris were popular in the 1950's along with ruffles and have recently made a huge comeback.



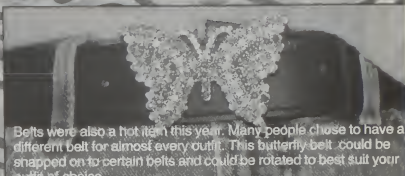
Theresa Larsen, senior, smiles while wearing her white duster. Dusters were fashionable in the 70's and have recently become popular again.



Senior **Jenny Lopez** smiles in her dark denim jacket.



Socks were also a popular accessory to have. Some had stripes, glitter, logos, etc.



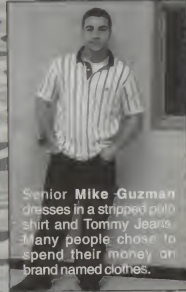
Belts were also a hot item this year. Many people chose to have a different belt for almost every outfit. This butterfly belt could be snapped on to certain belts and could be rotated to best suit your outfit of choice.



Desiree Torres smiles as she wears her American shirt. After September eleventh many red, white, and blue clothing became popular.



Seniors **Danny Munoz** and **Natalie Quinlan** wear their stylized necklines well. Danny has a turtleneck sweater and Natalie has a cowl neck tank top.



Senior **Mike Guzman** dresses in a striped polo shirt and Tommy Jeans. Many people chose to spend their money on brand named clothes.



Junior **Enid Munoz** wears her quilted jacket. Many students chose to wear different styles of trendy coats this winter.



Mrs. Sandra Mihalk demonstrates her wonderful fashion sense. She is wearing her fashionable glitter jeans.



Senior **Taylor Wilson** shows us her own trend of rolled up sleeves.



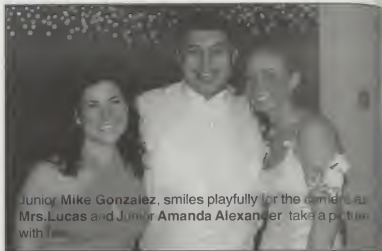
Sal Montes & Leanni Cicillian



These senior ladies strike a pose for the camera to remember all the special times they have shared together.



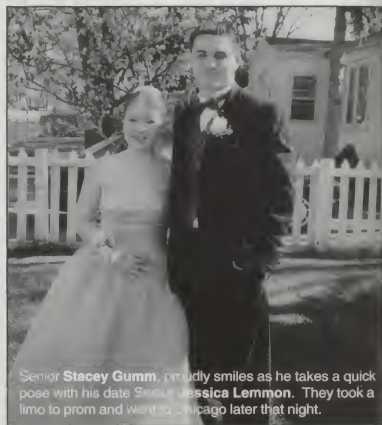
These handsome Senior guys pose for a picture of a lifetime.



Junior Mike Gonzalez, smiles playfully for the camera as Mrs. Lucas and Junior Amanda Alexander take a picture with him.

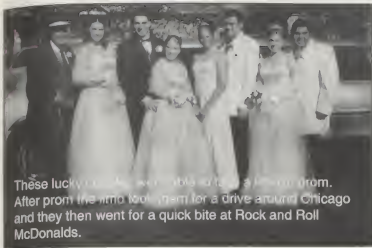


These ladies were honored to be able to attend this year's prom with upperclassmen Freshmen Victoria Lemmon, Paullette Blankenship, Krystal Montes.



Senior Stacey Gumm, proudly smiles as he takes a quick pose with his date Senior Jessica Lemmon. They took a limo to prom and went to Chicago later that night.





These lucky couples were able to go to the prom. After prom the trio took them for a drive around Chicago and they then went for a quick bite at Rock and Roll McDonalds.

A Night To Remember

As prom season approaches girls get excited about who is going to be the lucky guy that will ask them to prom. In preparation girls go to bridal shops and pick out their dresses and order them to make sure that everything goes well for their perfect night.

This year prom was held at Innsbrook Country Club on April 26, 2002 at 6 p.m.. After prom many couples went to McDonald's to fill their cravings.



Senior Vicki Thompson dances to the "Cha Cha" new. She attended prom with Ricky Baro.



Senior Kara Komenich, dances with her date Sophomore Kurt Brown. Kara wore an original dress made by her grandmother.



Junior Vanessa Walley, attended prom with Sophomore Andy Knies. During the Grand March she walked happily by Andy's side.

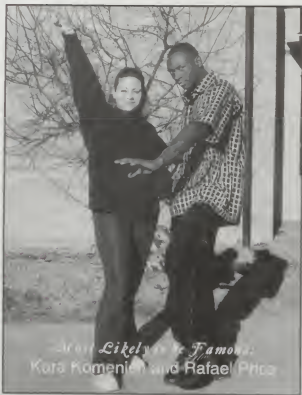


Junior Enid Munoz, dances happily to the music. This is her first year attending prom. She enjoyed it very much.



Senior Natalie Quinlan, dances playfully with her date Richie Servin. They had dressed to be noticed. Both of them were matching exactly in red and black.

And the goes



Most Likely to be Famous:
Kora Komenich and Rafael Pizarro



Best Smile:
Silvia Montes and Chris Davis



Best Dressed:
Danny Munoz and Natalie Quinlari



Teachers Pet:
Theresa Arsenault and Enri



Class Couple:
Leann Cicilliano and Sal Montes

Ingot *to....*



Most Likely To Bring Your Day:
Caddy Rymon and Jessica Rymon



Prettiest Eyes:
Heather Rogyom and Mike Guzman



Sweetest Senior:
Eli Gregory and Jenny Lopez



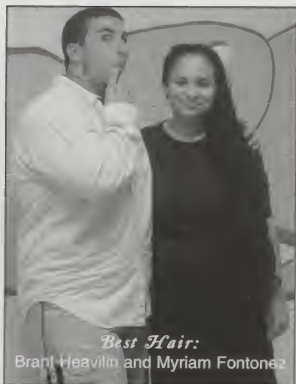
Class Flirt:
Brant Heavilin



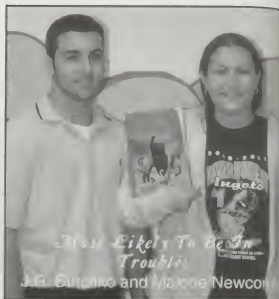
Super Gossipers:
Tony Gregory and J.R. Butchko



SENIORS



Best Hair:
Brant Heavilin and Myriam Fontonez



*Most Likely To Be In
Trouble:*
J.G. Guroko and Makene Newcorn



2002



Most Athletic:
Silvia Montes and Rafael Price



Most Outgoing:
Taylor Wilson and Silvia Montes



Class Clown:
Toni Kennedy and Dan Farthing



Worst Drivers:
Holly Westmoreland and Ed Stojancevich



The End of the Red Carpet

As the last day for seniors drew near, many seniors tried to get closer to their fellow classmates. Many spent their last moments of high school with their friends.

During Field Day many seniors played football, tennis, and volleyball. Some were also seen walking the track and laying around.

"My senior year was a blast. It was fun while it lasted."

-Danny Muñoz

The senior class decided to go to Six Flags for their senior trip.

After the seniors ate breakfast, they boarded the bus on their way to Six Flags.

"My bungee jumping experience at Six Flags is something I will never forget. I'm

going to miss all my friends," stated Leann Cicillian.

Below: Danny Muñoz gives Theresa Larsen a piggy back ride during Field Day.



Above: Jonna Claxton and Victoria Tschopps walk around the track during Field Day.



Right: A group of seniors stand around and try to keep cool after playing in the sun.



Left Desiree Torez and Nicole Pardo lazy around on the high jump mat.



Above: Some seniors could be seen playing volleyball on the tennis courts.



Left Brant Heavilin and Josh Smith play football.

Left: Jessica Lemmon, Holly Westmoreland, Myriam Fontanez, and Theresa Larsen talk to one another.

Lifetime Achievments

Awards Day is one of the many ceremonies that is held every year. It is an opportunity for students to be rewarded for their many achievements throughout the year, whether it was for perfect attendance, academic achievements, or for helping out the faculty during the year.

Seniors were presented with Gold Tassels if they were in Honor Society, and an Honor Cord if they were in the top ten of their class.

Right: Senoir **Danny Muñoz** stops at his locker before Senior Field Day.

Below: Mrs. **Sandra Mihalik** steps up to the podium to give out her awards. She taught Sophomore and Senior English this year.



Above: Senior **Leann Cicillian** smiles as Mr. Moffet presents her with her award. She was fourth in her class.



Right: Senior **Enrique Zepeda** stops to accept his award from Mr. Moffet.



Left: Senior **Alisha Gallardo** receives her Gold Tassel from Mr. **Kirk Whiting** for being in Honor Society.

Below: Junior **Kristina Komenich** smiles as Mr. Whiting hands her an award for the U.S. History Honors Class.



Left: Senior **Silvia Montes** relaxes during Awards Day. Silvia was sixth in her class.



Above: Freshmen **Juan Martinez** happily accepts his award on Awards Day.

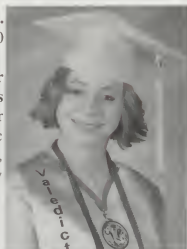
Left: Senior **Myriam Fontanez** smiles for the camera as she gets ready to change after the award ceremony.

1**Kara Komenich**

Cummulative G.P.A.
4.10

**Extracurricular
Activities**

National Honor
Society, Academic
Spell Bowl, volleyball,
track auxiliary

**Elizabeth Hall****2**

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.96

**Extracurricular
Activities**

National Honor Soci-
ety, volleyball, cross
country, basketball,
softball, track

**3****Jenny Lopez**

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.90

**Extracurricular
Activities**

National Honor Society

**Leann Cicillian****4**

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.98

**Extracurricular
Activities**

National Honor Soci-
ety, Decathlon, volley-
ball, basketball, tennis,
auxiliary

**5****Natalie Quinlan**

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.76

**Extracurricular
Activities**

National Honor Soci-
ety, Student Council,
volleyball, basketball,
softball, track

**Silvia Montes****6**

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.60

**Extracurricular
Activities**

Homecoming Queen,
volleyball, basketball



Super Star Seniors



Alexandra Kiselinova

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.48

Alexandra would have made Top Ten if she had transferred earlier. But her outstanding scholarship and academic achievement deserves special rerecognition



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Toni Kennedy

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.53

Extracurricular Activities

National Honor Society, Student Council, volleyball, basketball, softball, track



Danny Munoz

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.47

Extracurricular Activities

National Honor Society, Decathlon, Academic Spell Bowl, Super Bowl, basketball manager, golf, baseball



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Sarah Saylor

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.44

Extracurricular Activities

National Honor Society, Decathlon, Academic Spell Bowl, cheerleading



Alisha Gallardo

Cummulative G.P.A.
3.42

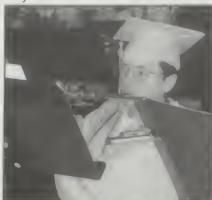
Extracurricular Activities

National Honor Society, Academic Spell Bowl, Super Bowl



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Right: After forty years of working diligently for the River Forest Community School Corporation, Mr. **Robert Marszalek** retired this year. Here he receives a special class ring from the class officers that makes him an honorary member of the class of 2002.



Above: Senior **Joanna Claxton** plays her flute one last time with the band. The selection chosen by the senior members of the band was "*What a Wonderful World*" by Louis Armstrong.



Above: Ushers **John Clark, Robert Ordway, Josh Halcomb, and Justin Carlson** lead the processional for the commencement ceremonies.

Right: Seniors **Alisha Gallardo, Zoe Rodriguez** and **Beth Persley** check out their graduation programs during the ceremonies.



Here's to The Night

Finally it was here; the big day; the epitome of their entire high school careers; after all the homecomings, the athletic competitions, and the academic rigors at River Forest High School, graduation had at long last arrived for the seniors of R.F. and for the whole River Forest Community School Corporation.

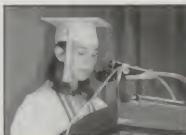
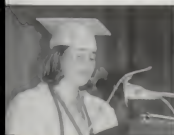
On the evening of May 31st masses packed into the Bill Logan Gymnasium for the commencement ceremonies which began with the processional of the class of 2002. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the seniors were given five minutes alone in the elementary gym to have a final class picture taken and to have one last moment together.

At this point the seniors continued the tradition of tossing their caps into the air as a class. Following the tossing of the caps, family and friends were allowed to enter the gym to congratulate the graduates.



Above: With a smile on his face, Purdue bound senior Rafael Price shakes hands with Mr. Richard Arnold after receiving his diploma from Mr. Monte Moffet.

Left: Seniors **Danny Stanley** and **Roger Knopp** attentively watch the on going ceremonies.



From^{the} Sidelines

Cheerleading

What is your most memorable moment this season?

Elizabeth Waters

"We worked hard trying to do new stunts all year and when we finally got a basket toss in the air it was the greatest feeling ever. It was such an adrenaline rush for all of us."



Junior **Jackie Nord** dances to Nsync's "Pop" at the football homecoming assembly. This was Jackie's third year on the cheerleading squad.



Varsity and JV Cheerleaders
front row: Beth Howard, Krystal Rybicki; row 2:
Elizabeth Waters, Sunni Paceley;
back row: Coach Miranda, Crystal Salzer, Lisa
Clardy, Barb Woodke, and Asst. Coach
Uncapher.
Not pictured: Rand Elizabeth Nord

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cheerleading

Bring It On

The River Forest Cheerleaders had a good season this year. Although they had their hard times they managed to work around them. This year the cheerleaders were led by **Mrs. Miranda** and newcomer **Mrs. Uncapher**. In July, the girls attended a NCA camp at Indiana University in Bloomington. The coaches chose **Jackie Nord** and **Elizabeth Waters** to be team captains. The cheerleaders held many fundraisers such as selling candy, poinsettias and a Tag Day. At the awards banquet, **Beth Howard** received the metal attitude award and **Krystal Rybicki** was named MIP.

The River Forest cheerleaders pose for a picture with their NCA team leader Austin and cheerleaders from OVHS. The squad also met up with many other girls at camp. Freshmen **Krystal Rybicki** **Beth Howard**, and junior **Lisa Clardy** perform a floor cheer in between quarters.



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Save The Last Dance

This year in Auxiliary they had two teams. One for just Football season and Basketball season. The captains were Seniors **Kara Komenich**, **Leann Cicillian**, Junior **Rachel Guerrero**, and Sophomore **Jody Soliday**. This year the girls got new shiny gold poms. For homecoming the girls had an outstanding dance. The dance was choreographed by Senior, Kara Komenich. The girls did a pompom camp to raise money for poms and uniforms. The turnout was succesful. They performed the song "Mickey".



Right The girls perform during the boys basketball halftime. They were performing to "Pop" by NSYNC.

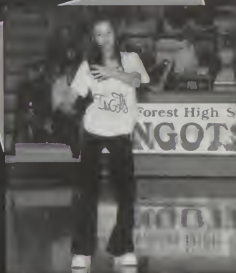
Auxiliary

From^{the} Sidelines



How do you feel about your fellow teammates?

Senior, **Heather Rogyom**
 "The girls were real super which made the season super fun."



Junior, **Rachael Guerrero**, shows off her dance moves. This is her third year on the team and her second as captain.



Sophomore, **Jody Soliday**, was a captain of the team. This is her second year on the team.



From the Sidelines

Do you think you could have done better this year as a senior?

Elizabeth Hall MVP

"Yes, I think I could have done better, but I also did have fun this year with almost all of my team mates."



Girls Track

2002 Girls Track

Wirt	Won
Lake Station	Won
Boone Grove	Lose
Morgan Twp.	Lose
South Central	Won
Oregon-Davis	Lose
Hebron	Lose
Washington Twp.	Lose
Westville	Won
Marquette	Lose
N.A.C.	3



Girls Track
left to right: front row: Elizabeth Hall, Marisol Carillo, Nina Kiselinova, Jennifer Guzman, Victoria Lemmon; row 2: Veronica Muniz, Amanda Degman, Maria Solis, Jody Soliday, Elizabeth Parsley; row 3: Coach Samantha Lucas, Coach Pam Engels, Kara Komenich, Amanda Alexander, Melissa Arnold, Coach Pat McNabb.

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Girls Track

"WE ARE

Coach **Pat McNabb** expresses her feelings on the girls track team as, "I felt good about them, I liked them, I loved them, I even miss them, but most of all I enjoyed them!" Freshman, **Marisol Carillo** and Sophomore, **Nina Kiselinova** both won MIP. Senior, **Toni Kennedy** made second team all-conference. Freshman, **Amanda Degman** made first team all-conference in shot put.

"We all got along fairly well and we tried our hardest," Senior, **Elizabeth Hall**, the MVP, explains her feelings on the girls track team. If you needed a shoulder to cry on you would find one. If at the end of a long race your tired and want to give up you could count on your team to be there at the last 100 meters to cheer you on, and to do your personal best. No matter what, rain or shine the team was there for you as a family.



Main: Freshman, **Marisol Carillo** in first place runs the two mile against Gary Wirt.



Left: Seniors **Natalie Quinlan** and **Toni Kennedy** are watching their teammates run the 100 meter dash.

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FAMILY ! "

As Coach **Jim Weitzel** explained it, "We all came together." Junior, **Dustin Coleman** made it out of sectionals to regionals. He had this to add, "I felt like I was part of a big family no one was just on the team for stats and thats what we needed to succeed and we did. I feel strong about next year because everyone is coming back to win!"

The boy's track team had a rough beginning and then more guys began to come out for the team. It then began to pick up like an anvalache no one could stop.

"They put forth great effort and it was a disapointment we were just sort of winning conference." stated Coach **Jack Burtin**. In fact they were so close they only lost by one and a half point. Despite all their hard work they were only able to win second at N.A.C.



Main: Junior, **Justin Carlson** leads the pack as Junior, **Andres Verduzco** fights for second in the mile.

right: Sophomore, **Jeff McNabb** flies over the last hurdle in the 100 hurdles to win first.



Boys Track

From the Sidelines

What are your feelings on making it to regionals?

Dustin Coleman MVP

"I felt great going into regionals. I thought I had a chance, I did have a chance but I messed up in my third jump. I will come back next year stronger as a senior and I will try for state."



2002 Boys Track

Wirt	Won
Lake Station	Lose
Boone Grove	Lose
Morgan Twp.	Lose
South Central	Lose
Oregon-Davis	Won
Hebron	Lose
Marquette	Won
Westville	Won
Hobart Little 5	4
Lowell	1
N.A.C.	2
Washington Twp.	3
Boone Grove	Lose
Kankakee Valley	Lose



Boys Track

left to right: front row: Scott Westmoreland, Al Martinez, Zach Heridia, Dustin Coleman, Mike Fay, Jeff McNabb; *row 2:* Justin Carlson, Carlos Muniz, Diego Gonzalez, Travis Tillbury, Anthony Ortiz, Carmelo Venegas; *row 3:* Coach Jack Burton, Coach Jim Weitzel, John Trezak, Rafael Price, Ricky Price, Andres Verduzco, Coach, Samantha Lucas.

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Boys Track



From^{the} Sidelines

Boys Baseball

First Year Player:

John Stephens

Batting: .463, 13 RBI's

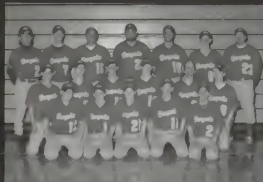
Pitching: ERA 4.00

56 Strikeouts



2002 Varsity Boys Baseball

Westville	Loss
North Judson	Loss/Win
Wheeler	Loss
Kouts	Loss
E.C. Central	Loss
Lake Station	Loss
Westville	Loss
Marquette Catholic	Loss
Oregon Davis	Loss
Argos	Won
Westville	Loss
Marquette Catholic	Loss
South Central	Loss/Loss
Oregon-Davis	Won
Boone Grove	Loss
Argos	Won
Griffith	Loss
Morgan Township	Loss
Sectionals:	
South Central	Loss



Boys Varsity Baseball
front row: Joe Miller, Jon Sobel, John DeVaney, Brandon Sutherland, John Clark
middle row: Tim Lane, Josh Eise, Dustin Zon, Joey Walters, Walter Jaime, Dustin Coleman
back row: Coach Pete Jimenez, Mike Carver, Aaron Gutierrez, Danny Stanley, Danny Muñoz, John Stephens, Coach Tom Boney

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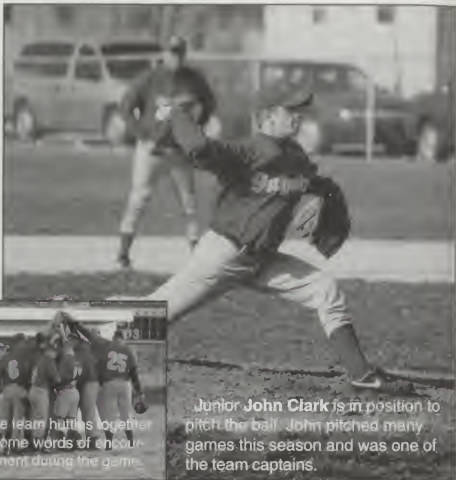
Boys Baseball

Field of Dreams

The boys baseball team had a difficult season. They played hard and it showed out on the field, but fell short on many of their games. They never gave up even when they were down by runs.

The two captains on the team were **John Clark** and **Aaron Gutierrez**. There were only two seniors to play this year, **Danny Stanley** and **Danny Muñoz**. Danny stated, "I liked playing baseball this year. We worked really hard and played together as a team, and that made us stronger on the field."

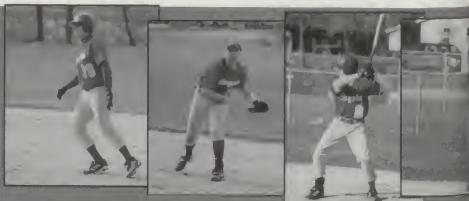
There were three main athletic awards given out for baseball. John Clark won MVP; John Stephens won MIP; Danny Muñoz and Danny Stanley won Mental Attitude.



The team huddles together for some words of encouragement during the game.

Junior **John Clark** is in position to pitch the ball. John pitched many games this season and was one of the team captains.

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A League of their Own

When reflecting this year Coach **Rodney Thompson** said, "This year is a learning experience for myself as well as the girls. Even though we didn't win many games I enjoyed coaching and look forward to next year."

This year's MVP as well as Mental Attitude Award winner is senior **Toni Kenndy**; senior **Malleri Newcomb** was the recipient of the MIP. The team had a blast with each other regardless of the outcome of a hard game or practice.



main: Sophomore **Amber Morris** pitches the first throw of the game; she was the team's number one pitcher.

right: Senior **Natalie Quinlan** pitching for Senior **Malleri Newcomb**.



Girls Softball

From the Sidelines

What are your feelings on the team this year?



"I feel that we all tried our hardest on the field and were just short of doing good. I enjoyed working with my teammates."
Amber Morris

2002 Girl's Softball

Hammond Morton	Loss
Kouts	Loss
Hebron	Loss
Morgan Township	Loss
Hobart	Loss
Hammond Gavit	Loss
Kankakee Valley	Loss
Lake Station	Loss
Washington Twp.	Win
Westville	Loss
Marquette	Loss
North Newton	Loss
South Central	Loss
Argos	Won
Wheeler	Loss
Calumet Tournay	Loss
Hammond Clark	Loss
Whiting	Loss



Girls Softball

left to right: front row: Jamie Dailey, Danielle Walker, Nia Jimenez, Lisa Wallace; *row 2:* Tillie Smith, Marja Wilson, Rachel Lightfoot, Amber Morris, Christina Collazo; *row 3:* Coach Rodney Thompson, Malleri Newcomb, Toni Kennedy, Natalie Quinlan, Amber Carrol, and Coach Joe Burleson.

From^{the} Sidelines

How do you feel about the way the team performed this year?

"I was very pleased with the way the team performed this year. They were always ready to play and they always fought for a victory."

Coach Al Detterline



Girls Tennis

2002 Girls Tennis

E.C. Central	Loss
Hammond Morton	Loss
Hammond Gavitt	Loss
Hobart	Win
Lake Station	Win
Boone Grove	Win
Hammond Clark	Win
Whiting	Win
Wheeler	Loss
Hanover Central	Loss
Gary West Side	Win
Boone Grove	Win
Griffith	Loss
Calumet	Win

Sectionals:

Boone Grove	Win
Wheeler	Loss



left to right:
front row: Sabrina Salas, Pam Gallardo, Monica Solis, Taylor Wilson, Amber Coleman
middle row: Melody Myers, Manager: Julia Horn, Mandy Shawkey, Ashley Ayres, Heather Rogyom
back row: Coach Al Detterline, Leann Cicillian, Ashley Sutherland, Kristina Komenich and Tonya Westmoreland

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Girls Tennis

We Are the Champions

The Girls Varsity Tennis team had a rather good season. With six varsity players returning from last year the outcome was expected to be good. The girls filled the shoes that they were expected to and pulled off a great season. It started off slow but picked it up in the end. The team was very proud of their effort and success.

Coach Detterline stated, "I was very impressed with the way the team stuck together. They always worked hard and played well. I am very proud of their progress this year."



Above: Senior **Taylor Wilson** warms up before her match. This was her third year on Varsity.

Right: Junior **Tonya Westmoreland** warms up before her match. This was her second year on Varsity.

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"Caddy Shack"

The golf team had a good season this year. This year was **Jason Quigg's** first time coaching the golf team. Returning from last year are seniors **Brant Heavilin**, **Chuckie Roth**, and **Sal Montes**. There were four new golfers that joined the sport this year, senior **Mike Guzman**, junior **Justin Horn**, freshmen **Rodney Robinson** and **Derek Soderquist**.



Above: Third year player, senior **Brant Heavilin** drives his ball to the hole. Right: Senior **Mike Guzman** kneels down to line up his shot. This was Mike's first year on the golf team.

Boys Golf

From the Sidelines

What did you enjoy most about playing golf?



Sal Montes

"This year's been a very fun year for all seven of us. Just being out there with my friends having a good time is what makes golf fun for me. We don't have the best records around but we did beat Lake Station and that's all that counts."

2001-2002 Boys Golf Schedule

Hobart/Lake Station	Loss
Hanover Central	Loss
Kank. Valley	Loss
Wheeler	Loss
Westville	Win
Bishop Noll/Han.Ctrl.	Win
Calumet	Loss
Bonne Grove Invite	Loss
Gary Wirt	Win
Oregon-Davis	Loss
Boone Grove	Loss
Lake Station	Loss
NAC Conference	Loss
Triangular	Win
Whiting	Win
South Central	Loss
Gary Lew Wallace	Win
Sectional	10th



left to right:

front row: **Rodney Robinson**, **Derek Soderquist**, **Justin Horn**, **Mike Guzman**
second row: **Brant Heavilin**, **Chuck Roth**, **Sal Montes**, **Coach Jason Quigg**

2002



Throughout
the year





administration



Mr. Rich Heavilin spends a lot of time in his office working.



You can always spot Mr. Dennis Leonard in the gym during lunch.



When it's lunch hour, Mr. Jeffrey Van Drie spends time in the cafeteria and in the hall.

PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS

In the dictionary, administration is referred to as "the group of people who manage or direct an institution, especially a school or college," but here at River Forest they are more than that. Not only does the administration manage and direct things at school, but they also give individual time and consideration to the students and faculty.

Immediately following the September 11th event, **Mr. Moffett** organized a group prayer in front of the flagpole, giving students time to grieve over the tragic events. **Mr. Van Drie** makes a special effort to always show up at games and special events; therefore, he interacts with students and gets to know them on a more personal level.

At times, **Mr. Heavilin** can be seen in the high school, visiting previous junior high students and encouraging them to do well. **Mr. Leonard** does his best to support every sport that the school has by coming to games, practices, and meetings whenever he can.



Mr. Moffett

Mr. Van Drie

Mr. Heavilin

Mr. Leonard

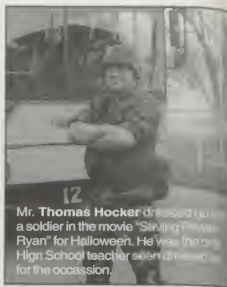




Star Struck Staff

As for many faculty members it was nothing new to return to River Forest after a long summer break; however, some faces were new to the school's program. New teacher Mrs. April Upcapher took over Miss. Sisk's classes after she retired last year. Mr. Thomas Boney teaches gym class and Miss. Shannon Heffernan became one of the new band directors this year.

Both teachers came to River Forest fresh out of college on their way to becoming star teachers. Mr. John Pinson takes over the high school band and will try to fill Mr. Slater's shoes. Mr. Slater had been with River Forest band program for many years until he retired last year. Mrs. Cuevas leaves the school leaving behind her Spanish classes to new teacher Mrs. Samantha Lucas. Miss. Hunt returns to the school's library after a long absence last year. Mr. Moffet and Mr. Van Drie return to school with their sights set on a good year.



Mr. Thomas Hocker dressed like a soldier in the movie "Saving Private Ryan" for Halloween. He was the only High School teacher seen dressed for the occasion.



Mrs. Sandra Minahan holds center, Chuck Roth, a photo which came from the yearbook to go into the yearbook.

Mrs. Amy Alessandrini Life Skills Teacher,
Special Olympics, Head of Delegation
Mrs. Melody Ayres Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Mary Ann Barkalow 8th Grade Pre-Algebra,
8th Grade Algebra, JH Honor Society Sponsor
Ms. Francie Blaney Language Arts
Mr. Thomas Boney Physical Education, Assistant
Football Coach, Baseball Coach
Ms. Donna Briggs Health (7th, 8th, and 10th)
Mrs. Elida Cabrera Paraprofessional

Mrs. Diane Chary 7th Grade English, JH Student
Council Sponsor
Ms. Karen Collins Custodian
Mrs. Christine Colon Paraprofessional
Ms. Barbara Combs Paraprofessional
Mr. Chuck Cullison Computer Application,
Basic Skills Math, Algebra I
Ms. Karen Dexter 8th Grade English
Mrs. Pamela Engels 7th Grade General Math, 7th
Grade Pre Algebra, 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach,
7th Grade Boys Basketball, HS Girls Track and Field



Mr. Tim Gault Earth Science, Biology
Mrs. B. Grassl Paraprofessional
Mrs. Doris Gulstad JH Guidance Secretary
Miss. Shannon Heffernan Band Director, 8th
Grade Band
Mr. Tom Hocker World History, U.S. History,
U.S. History Honors, Government, and Yearbook
Advisor
Mrs. Kathy Hooks Chemistry I, II, Humanities,
Academic Coach, National Honor Society Sponsor and
Science Dept. Chairperson
Mrs. Peggy Hunt Library Media Specialist,
Corporation Media Chairperson



Mrs. Amy Jablonski Basic and Practical English, LRE Facilitator, Basketball Coach, Special Olympics, Bowling
Mrs. Laura Johnson Guidance Counselor (Grades 7-9)
Mrs. Jaanna Kapciak Paraprofessional
Mrs. Natalie Keller English (9th and 11th), Speech, English Dept. Chairperson
Mrs. Gloria Komosa Art and Design I, II, Drawing, Painting I, II, Art Fair Sponsor
Mrs. Danyella Kozma French I, II, III, IV, Newspaper Advisor, Freshman Class Sponsor, French Club
Mrs. Leigh Long 7th Grade Science

Mrs. Samantha Lucas Spanish I, II, III, IV, 9th Grade English, Spanish Club
Mr. Mike Lyons 8th Grade Science, JH Cross Country Coach, JH Girls Track Coach
Mrs. Carolyn Macchia Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Angie Martinez High School
Mrs. Pat McNeely Director of Technology, Senior Class Sponsor, Student Council Sponsor
Mrs. Sandra Mihalik Language Arts
Mrs. Elizabeth Miranda School Nurse, Cheerleading Coach

Mr. Paul Murray 8th Grade Manufacturing, Metals Manufacturing I, II, Power Mechanics, Drafting I, II
Ms. Carol Needham Library Assistant
Ms. Carrie Kowacki Cafeteria Director
Mr. Paul Payne Severe Disabilities
Mr. Don Phelps Custodian
Mrs. Jennifer Pierson Paraprofessional
Mr. John Pinaon Band Director, HS Concert Band, HS Jazz Band, 8th Grade Band, 7th Grade Beginning Band

Mr. Jason Quigg Algebra I, II, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Head Cross Country Coach, Head Boys Basketball Coach, Junior Class Sponsor, Head Golf Coach
Mrs. Vicki Reick Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Gail Robertson High School Secretary
Mr. Dan Rodriguez 7th Grade Social Studies, JH Football Coach
Mrs. Miriam Rodriguez Paraprofessional
Mrs. Linda Seklak Cafeteria Staff
Mr. Hector Santiago Custodian

Mrs. Victoria Scholl Choir Director
Mr. Mike Sellers Paraprofessional
Mrs. Lenore Senovic Custodian
Mrs. Betty Shadley Treasurer
Mrs. Linda Sienline Impact Team, Special Education, LRE Facilitator
Mrs. Theresa Studley Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Malinda Sutherland Confidential JH Secretary, Girls Basketball Coach (8th), JH Cheerleading Sponsor

Mrs. Tanna Taylor Library Assistant
Mr. Rodney Thompson History (8th), Ast. Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, JH Girls Track Coach
Mrs. April Uncapher Textiles, Nutrition & Wellness, Child Development, Family & Consumer Science (7th), Ast. Cheerleading Coach
Mrs. Maria Varduzas Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Sandy Waldrop Junior High Office Clerk
Ms. Pauline Ward Junior High Attendance Secretary
Mr. Jim Weltzel Business Education, Keyboarding, Web Design, Computer Applications, HS Boys Track Head Coach, Ast. Academic Coach, Senior Class Sponsor

Mr. Jim Wells Biology, Environmental Science
Mr. Kirk Whitting Economics, U.S. History, Current Events, Psychology, Ast. Football Coach, Ast. Academic Coach, Honor Society Sponsor, Ast. JH Track Coach, Social Studies Dept. Chairperson
Ms. Holly Wilson Paraprofessional

Jittering Juniors

Juniors
Jeanine
Songer
Rachael,
Guerro, and
Justin
Carlson
concentrate on
the spell bowl
for Football
Homecoming.
They placed
second overall.



Junior **Vanessa Walley** shows her school spirit during Football Homecoming Week. She is wearing pink which was chosen to be the junior color for color day.



Amanda Alexander
Missy Arnold
Ashley Ayres
Josh Barnes
Rebecca Blackwell
Tara Camarena
Rudy Cano



Justin Carlson
Amber Carroll
Lisa Clardy
John Clark
Dustin Coleman
James Cruz
Rebecca De Groot



Michael Doffin
Dwayne Durk
Michael Fay
Daniel Fontanez
Rebekah Free
Rene Garcia
Basil Gardner





Brianne Gilliana
Eric Gonzalez
Michael Gonzalez
Rachael Guerrero
Jason Gutierrez
Justin Guzman
Josh Halcomb

Michele Harper
Justin Horn
Brandon Jacobs
Kimberly Keller
Erin Kempski
Kristina Komenich
Rachel Kurek

Debbie Lopez
Carla Martinez
Rachel McKinney
Damon Mikuly
Joseph Miller
Deanna Mullins
Enid Munoz



"What Hollywood Star do you think you look like?"
"I think that I look like Keanu Reeves because many people have told me that I do."
-Andres Verdusco

Junior Kristina Komenich walks down the track with her escort, junior John Clark, after making Homecoming Court during football season. It was won by senior Silvia Montes.

Jittering Juniors

Junior **Tara Camarena** poses for a picture as she decorates the junior hallway. Students from each class stayed after to decorate for spirit week. Their theme was "Scorch the Spartans."



Junior **Enid Muñoz** speaks at the Veteran's Day Assembly. She read a poem entitled *Freedom* written by *John James Redman Jr.* The assembly is held every year in honor of all the Veterans that fought for our freedom of America.



Jacqueline Nord
Marco Nunez
Robert Ordway
Anthony Ortiz
Brandi Ortiz
Sunni Paceley
Candi Patterson



Tammy Patterson
Jennifer Perkins
Nicole Reed
Lecretia Rhodus
Sam Saalwaechter
Rick Sajdera
Crystal Salzer



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Amber Scott
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 Blanca Zepeda



Junior **Amanda Alexander** sweeps the hall during cleanup. Students earned spirit points for the class that cleaned up the fastest. Many students were seen after school to help with the cleaning.



"What Hollywood Star do you think you look like?"
 "I think that I look like Sean Patrick Flanery from the movie Powder, no explanation needed."
 -Brandon Jacobs

Shimmering Sophomores

Pam Ivy, sophomore, stops to take a break from doing her science homework in Mr. Jim Well biology I class.



How many sophomores do you think have a job? Not a lot. Many think that it is hard to balance between work and school.

Most want to get through with high school before they decide to take on the adult responsibility and get a job. Some students; however, decide that they can handle work and school and they show that by keeping their grades up. **Andy Knies** stated, "my job doesn't really affect my schoolwork and social life because I am able to work when I want."

Andy works at the Star Plaza in Merrillville, he has worked there for two months. **Brandon Sutherland** works at Popeye's in Hobart. He has been working there for five months. Brandon stated, "I find it hard for me to hold a job and keep my grades up but I try my best."



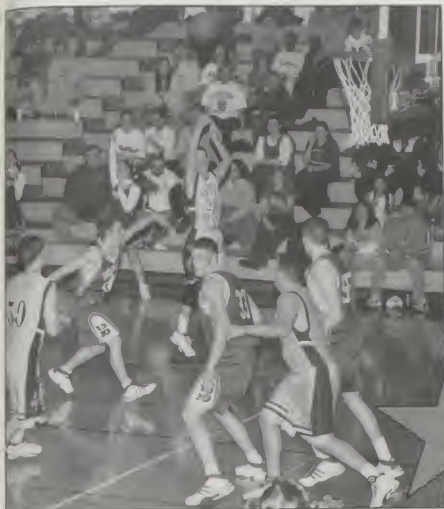
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Sophomore **Nick Roach** attempts to make a shot during a varsity basketball game against Boone Grove.



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Zach Heridia
Lupe Hernandez

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Pam Ivey
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Bernard Jansen
Andy Jarvis
Nia Jimenez
Dani Kempksi

Shimmering Sophomores

Unlike **Andy and Brandon, Zach Heridia** decided he doesn't want to have a job in high school because he believes that having a job might deteriorate his G.P.A. He said, "that he eventually is going to find a job but he wants to wait until he thinks he is ready to take on the responsibility."

Paulina Ballesteros believes that she wouldn't be able to concentrate on her schoolwork if she had a job. "Between sports and school I know that it would be hard for me to keep my grades up. I barely have enough time for my schoolwork. Having a job would just add to the pressure."

Do to working at part-time jobs, high school students performance on science and math tests has decreased. "Over the past two decades the number of high school students holding part-time jobs has steadily risen", said Kusum Singh from Virginia Tech According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1994, forty-two percent of high school seniors, 33 percent of juniors, and fifteen percent of sophomores work part-time.

Sophomore **Megan Burrell** stops to take a picture before her class begins. She is also one of the sophomores that elects to not have a job during the school year.



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Melissa Manzo
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Alfonso Martinez



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Jake Paradine
Michael Podgorski



Jessie Poe
Ricardo Price
Tara Quinlan
Brandon Ragan
Nich Roach
Maxwell Rodriguez
MaryEvelyn Saalwaechter



Sophomores **Nia Jimenez** and **Jennifer Guzman** pose for a quick picture before leaving the school parking lot after auxiliary practice.



Shannon Schultz
Anthony Smith
Tillie Smith
Jody Soliday
Joshua Soliday
John Stephens
Brandon Sutherland



Travis Tillberry
Anthony Travis
Letty Valenzuela
Carmello Venegas
Danielle Walker
Lisa Wallace
Tabatha Westmoreland



Jennifer Wiggins



Flashing Freshmen

Freshman **Matt Cunningham** proudly displays his "messy" locker.



Throughout your years in High School you are responsible for four different lockers. You have the privilege and prerogative to decorate, rearrange and change your locker anyway you want. You can think of your lockers as your personal dressing room. You use it for keeping your books, papers, folders and in some cases clothes.

How many people do you actually think keep their lockers neat, and how many just pile there things into it? When I asked **Matt Cunningham** about his locker this is what he had to say, "I don't care about how my locker looks. Since we only have 5 minutes between classes I just throw my books and folders into my locker and where they fall is where they stay until the next day. I see no purpose in spending time to organize it when after classes you can't really take the same amount of time to fix it and make it nice."

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Juan Martinez
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Aubin Menchaca



Scott Westmoreland, freshman, shows off his neatly organized locker.

Unlike **Matt, Scott Westmoreland** likes to keep his locker clean and presentable. Scott had this to say, "I have to have my locker neat and organized. I don't see how people can't take an extra ten seconds to put their books, papers and folder's in one place. If they can take the time to stop and talk to friends, then they should be able to take the time and make their locker's nice. I think my locker stays neater than other students because I don't have to keep my books in my locker. I get to keep my books in my classrooms. I don't like my things to be messy. I think everything has a place and it should be in it." As you can see, there are some who see their lockers as "dressing rooms" and treat them with pride and with care while there are others who just prefer to let them look as ordinary lockers.

Flashing Freshmen

Freshman Krystal Rybicki nervously bites her nails while she waits to hear the results of her test score.



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Krystal Rybicki
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Danny Squires

Ashley Sutherland
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Mike Toigo
Jose Torres
Jovanni Torres
Maria Torres
John Trezak

Elizabeth Turney
Nathan Waters
Angela Westmoreland
Scott Westmoreland
Kalyn Whitten
Dustin Zon



John Tresak, freshman, plays his heart out during the Christmas assembly. "I really like to play my sax, especially when I feel stressed", said John.



Freshman Stacey Harper works diligently on her science project. Stacey's opinion about the project was an enthusiastic one. "I thought it was a fun learning experience. It wasn't just a pen and paper assignment."



Freshman Kristie Schmit prepares to sing a solo during the Christmas assembly.

Junior High

Eighth grader **Ricky Long** runs to the finish line during cross country. This was his second year on the team.



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"My favorite moment was when Mr. Heavilin gave all the students not on academic probation the afternoon off."

-Wendy Spencer

"My favorite moment was the Halloween Dance."

-Kenny Soria

"My favorite moment was starting center on the football team."

-Matthew Weikel

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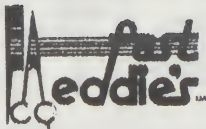
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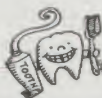
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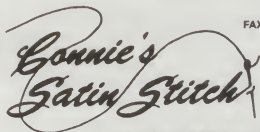
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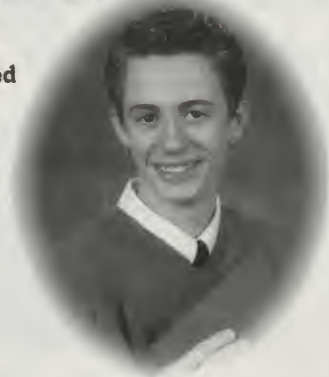
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